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## P R E F A C E .

GENERAL REMARKS.—In 1888 our Association published the West Riding Sessions Records for the years 1597–1602, which had been committed to me to edit, and to which I contributed a preface of some thirty-six pages. In the present volume are contained: (i) “Sessions Orders,” 1611–1632 $\frac{2}{3}$ , taken from our Yorkshire Archæological Society’s MS., No. M. 38, and (ii) Indictments and Orders from Indictment Book A, and Order Book A, covering the space of time between October, 1637, and July, 1642.

The “Sessions Orders,” 1611–1632 $\frac{2}{3}$ , are contained, as already stated, in the MS. No. M. 38, now, by the bequest of the late Sir Thomas Brooke, Bart., the property of our Yorkshire Association. An excellent account of the MS., its history, and contents, has been given by Mr. S. J. Chadwick, in vol. xv of the Association’s *Journal*, p. 434, under the title of “Some papers relating to the plague in Yorkshire.” The MS. was mainly written by Colonel Charles Fairfax, but for the life of the Colonel and an account of his writings and collections of MSS., the reader must be referred to Mr. Chadwick’s paper, and to the *Dictionary of National Biography*. The MS. is thus described in the Library Catalogue of our Society:—

“FAIRFAX MSS., M. 38.

A volume of miscellaneous matters concerning the county of York, principally relating to the Justices, Quarter Sessions, etc., *temp.* James I and Charles I, with sundry law forms, etc. The volume is not perfect. Small quarto. There is an *index rerum* at the end. C. Fairfax is written on the first page.”

I may add that on the same page is the date “Feb. 27, 1628,” preceded by the words: “*Ex com. infra libr Archiep'i.*” Does this mean from papers found in the Archbishop’s library?

We learn from one of the volumes of the Fairfax MSS., entitled: “*Liber Owen,*” that certain documents were lent to Fairfax by Toby Matthew, Archbishop of York, and from these he seems to have gleaned the materials for this particular MS. This archbishop died March 29th, 1628.

Extracts from the Order Books were made long ago by the late Mr. Fairless Barber, and were printed in vol. i of our *Journal*, pp. 371-405. These the Council of our Association have not thought it worth while to have reprinted, which, perhaps, is a matter for regret. The titles of these Orders are merely given in this volume, and the reader is referred, under the letters "Y.A.J., vol. v," to the page of the *Journal* on which these entries occur.

It is, of course, unnecessary to repeat what may be found relating to our Sessions Records in the preface to the volume published in 1888. In regard to

THE SESSIONS TOWNS OF THE WEST RIDING, dealt with in that preface, it may be again remarked that "the order in which the Sessions were held in the different towns does not seem to follow any fixed plan." Thus in 1637-8 the order was :

9th Jan.	Wetherby.	12th July.	Wakefield.
11th „	Wakefield.	18th „	Skipton.
17th „	Barnsley.	1st Oct.	Knaresborough.
3rd April.	Pontefract.	3rd „	Halifax.
9th July.	Rotherham.	10th „	Doncaster.

In 1638-9 the order was :—

8th Jan.	Wetherby.	16th July.	Rotherham.
10th „	Wakefield.	18th „	Wakefield.
16th „	Barnsley.	1st Oct.	Halifax.
23rd April.	Pontefract.	4th „	Knaresborough.
11th July.	Skipton.	9th „	Doncaster.

The heading of the Sessions at Skipton, held there "on Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr," viz. the 12th July, 1642, is interesting. It was, the reader may be reminded, about this time that the Earl of Essex was appointed Captain-General of the Parliamentary forces, and about six weeks later—August 22nd—the King raised his standard at Nottingham. The heading referred to runs thus :—

"Wakefield.—General Sessions and Gaol Delivery, by virtue of the King's Letters Patent, dated at Beverley, 8th July, 1642, held at, on Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr, viz. the 12th July, 1642, and continued there for the space of one day, before William Mallorye, James Metcalfe, Richard Lowther, and Edward Parker, Esq<sup>res</sup>, Justices, and thence by adjournment to Wakefield on Thursday, the 14th,



for two days, and thence by adjournment to Rotherham on Monday, the 18th July, 1642, for two days." It is curious to find the "Feast of St. Thomas [of Canterbury] the Martyr" still recognised by the West Riding Justices, so long after it had been expunged by Henry VIII from the Anglican calendar!

INDICTMENTS.—Under this heading, in our previous volume, some comments were made on the little interlineary and side-notes that are frequently found in connection with the indictments. Often are the words *cul.* or *non cul.*, i.e. *culpabilis* or *non culpabilis*, written over the names of the persons indicted, signifying, apparently, that a verdict of "guilty" or "not guilty" was found, followed sometimes in the latter case by *nec re. se*, i.e. *nec retraxit se*, which does not mean—as stated in the preface to the former volume—"nor did he retract," but "nor did he withdraw himself," or, in other words, "flee from justice."<sup>1</sup>

In regard to the abbreviated words *po. se*, i.e. *ponit se*, "puts himself," it is interesting to note that the word "puts" is still used as a side-note by the Clerk of the Peace in present-day indictments, when a prisoner has pleaded "Not guilty." "Puts" or "puts himself," of course, signifies that the prisoner "puts himself on the country"—desires to be tried by a jury.

The punishments, especially whipping or branding, are frequently recorded in side-notes. It was remarked in the preface to the former volume that "our Sessions Records have no notes upon them informing us that culprits were sentenced to be hanged." In the present volume there are two instances, and two only, in which this sentence is recorded, viz. on p. 53 and p. 170. In both cases the prisoners had been committed to York Castle, and in the former case we are told that the sentence of guilty was passed there, apparently at the Assizes.

In the present volume also, unlike the former one, there are instances, *passim*, in which an offender "pleaded his clergy, and was delivered according to the Statute" (18 Eliz., c. 7).

INCIDENTS OF TRIAL.—In regard to witnesses, whose names were hardly ever given in our previously published Elizabethan Rolls (1597–1602), we find in these later Indictment Books that the contrary is very generally the case. Sometimes, and not at all infrequently, after the word "witness" is written "con-

<sup>1</sup>In the North Riding Records, vol. i, p. 211, is this side-note to an indictment: "Tried and found not guilty, *nec fugam fecit.*"

fession," and sometimes "examinations." This means that, upon his arrest by a constable, a prisoner was taken before a Justice, who examined and questioned him much in the same way as is done now on the continent, the great object being to get the man or woman to confess. It will be remembered that the use of torture to make accused persons confess was common in Elizabethan and early Jacobean days, but that when, in 1628, Charles I was wishful to employ it in the case of Felton, Buckingham's murderer, the Judges declared it to be illegal. "Whether"—as writes the editor of the *Calendar of the Quarter Sessions Papers* relating to the county of Worcester—"it was ever employed to Sessions prisoners is uncertain, but that the Justices deemed it their duty to get, if possible, a confession from an accused person seems clear." This procedure was authorised under the Statute 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, c. 10, which directs Justices, or one of them being of the quorum, before whom any person shall be brought for manslaughter or felony or for suspicion thereof, before they commit or send such prisoner to ward, to take the examination of such prisoner and information of those that bring them the facts and circumstances thereof. "Here you may see," writes William Lambard, "if I be not deceived, when the examination of a felon began first to be warranted amongst us. For, at the common law, *Nemo tenebatur prodere seipsum*, and then his fault was not to be wrung out of himself, but rather to be discovered by other means and men."

The great object of an English Justice then, as of a French Procureur now, was to obtain a confession, and, as the editor of the *Worcester County Records* observes, "it is a curious fact in the legal history of the country how, in two-and-a-half centuries, the ideas as to prisoners being questioned has so completely changed that a proposal to allow them, if they desired it, to give evidence on oath was for a long time most strenuously opposed as being too hard upon the prisoners."

Sometimes the name of the Justice before whom the examination was conducted is given, as in the case of Rosamond Wright, of Ackworth, accused of burglariously entering a house, where the Justice is stated to have been Sir Edw. Roades.<sup>1</sup>

CRIMES AND OFFENCES IN THE INDICTMENTS.—"Offences against the Rights of Property" are, of course, the most

<sup>1</sup> Page 73.



numerous class recorded in the Indictment Books, the cases of Larceny exceeding in an overwhelming proportion those of any other offence in that category. Many of the cases of larceny appear to be of a very trifling nature. They may be of some interest as showing the value of property at the time,<sup>1</sup> but they cannot be implicitly relied upon for this. In those days there was a distinction between grand and petit larceny, one of the elements of which was the value of the stolen article. It often happened that the value was placed very low so as to bring the case within the limit of petit larceny, and prevent capital punishment being incurred.

The chief subjects of larceny were:—(1) farm produce, including animals and poultry; (2) clothing and goods about a house; and (3) miscellaneous chattels. The reader can find for himself in this volume samples *ad nauseam* of all these three classes of theft. As specimens, it will suffice to quote the following cases tried at the Sessions at Halifax on the 2nd October, 1637.

(1) James Waterhouse, of Holmfirth, was then and there indicted on three charges of sheep stealing, viz.: an ewe sheep, value 5s., on 31st December, 1636; two ewe sheep, value 10s., on 31st August of the same year; and a lamb, value 2s. 6d., on the 20th August, 1635.<sup>2</sup> Thomas Marshall at the same Sessions was indicted for stealing on the . . . October, 1637, four "thraves" of barley, value 10d.<sup>3</sup>

(2) Martha Baylye, of Bradford, at the same Sessions, was indicted for stealing a napkin and a silk girdle, value 5s.<sup>4</sup>

(3) Richard Jowett, of Wibsey, was indicted for stealing 10 window stanchions.<sup>5</sup>

Such articles as could be pilfered most readily, and with the least risk of discovery, by persons belonging to the most necessitous class in the community, formed the main subjects of the thefts of the period. Next, in frequency of commission, came the cases of sheep-stealing, then, *longo intervallo*, those of stealing cows, oxen, etc., and, lastly—strange as it may appear in the case of Yorkshiremen—a few charges (17) of horse stealing.

There are but 5 cases of Burglary (one of which, however, is not an indictment), but it is doubtful whether credit should be

<sup>1</sup> See Preface to West Riding Sessions Rolls, Record Series, vol. iii, p. xxxviii.

<sup>2</sup> Page 27.

<sup>3</sup> Page 28.

<sup>4</sup> Page 28.

<sup>5</sup> Page 28.

given to the county for this fact, as, possibly, it may have been usual in those days to deal with a large number of such crimes at the Assizes, rather than at Quarter Sessions.

House-breaking.—Of this offence there are 39 instances, and in some of them the crime was committed at night, in one, indeed,<sup>1</sup> between the hours of 10 and 12 p.m., but as the word “burglariter” does not occur in the indictment, such cases, though much akin to it, must not be calendared as burglaries. In one case<sup>2</sup> the house-breaking seems to have been accompanied with considerable violence, the walls of the house being “thrown down” and the wife of the occupant assaulted and maltreated. The “breaking and entering” of the house of Samuel Vanpanie, Esq., called Barnes Hall,<sup>3</sup> is an interesting one, and gives food for speculation, especially in connection with the circumstance that the bailiff of the High Sheriff was afterwards indicted<sup>4</sup> for having taken from Mr. Vanpanie, “under colour of his office,” £18 for executing a writ, “when in truth and fact no kind of fee was due.”

Robbery is not a very common offence in the Indictments. There are fifteen cases in this category. In one instance “a sword and a bill”<sup>5</sup> were the subject of the offence, and in one instance the crime was perpetrated on the king’s highway.

“Amid,” writes old William Lambard, “and between the violent robber that taketh from the person by force, and the myching thief that stealeth when the person (or the owner) is absent, standeth the crafty Cutpurse or Pickpurse, that taketh goods (or money) from the person by sleight only, the owner neither being made afraid, nor witting of it.”<sup>6</sup> Of this class of criminal there are only two representatives, a man and his wife, to whose case reference is made three times in the “Orders.” This couple seem to have been tried at the Assizes at York, and were there acquitted.

In the class of “Offences against Rights of Property,” those created by or connected with the Game Laws, we find, were sufficiently common. They consist of keeping greyhounds for coursing; tracking hares in the snow; hunting without license with spaniels over lands sown with crops; and breaking into and hunting in deer parks and warrens. On page 43 will be

<sup>1</sup> Page 164.

<sup>2</sup> Page 102.

<sup>3</sup> Page 331.

<sup>4</sup> Pages 356 and 357.

<sup>5</sup> Page 98.

<sup>6</sup> Lambard Eirenarcha, London, 1610, p. 270.



found three indictments for keeping "setting dogs" and a greyhound, the former, of course, being used for taking pheasants and partridges, and the latter for "coursing of deer and hares." The Justices proceeded against offenders in this matter under the Statutes 1 Jas. I and 7 Jas. I, the former being entitled: "An Act for the better Execution of the Intent and Meaning of former Statutes made against shooting in Guns, and for the preservation of the Game of Pheasants and Partridges, and against the destroying of Hares with Hair-pipes and tracing Hares in the Snow," and carrying a gun loaded with powder and shot was in these days a statutable offence, under 33 Hen. VIII, c. 6, which prescribed a penalty of £10 "if any person, not having £100 revenue by the year, have carried in his journey any cross bow bent, or gun charged, unless it be to the musters." An indictment for this offence occurs on p. 44, and another on p. 54, where William Purdie, of Frickley, gent., not having the property qualification necessary, is charged with carrying "a hand-gun charged with powder and hail shot," wherewith "he walked or rode . . . not being in service of war." There are several indictments for shooting wild ducks and "mollards," pigeons, partridges; others for shooting a blackcock, a greyhound, a doe, a "hind calf," and conies. The pigeon-shooting cases are the most numerous. The offence of carrying a hand-gun and shooting pigeons, etc., although not an offence against the Game Laws, as we should consider it, seems to have been almost treated as such by the law in those days, as proved by the title already quoted of the Act 7 Jas. I, where the "better execution of the Statutes made" against "shooting in guns" is coupled with "the better preservation of the game of pheasants and partridges." The game offences proper, however, divide themselves into (1) deer stealing; (2) poaching in a free warren; (3) unqualified persons keeping hunting dogs; (4) taking pheasants' eggs.

Deer-stealing, killing, or chasing was a somewhat common offence, and we have 21 cases of it. Most of them are in connection with Wortley Park, the domain of Sir Francis Wortley, whose ancestor, Sir Thomas Wortley, we are told, in the reign of King Henry VIII, pulled down "a town near unto him" in which were some freeholders whom he had beggared by litigation, "and laid the buildings and town fields even as a common, wherein his main idea was to keep deer and make

a lodge.”<sup>1</sup> Eight of the offences in connection with deer stealing, etc., were committed in the New Park, Wortley, and in some instances were very severely punished. For “unlawful hunting, chasing, and killing of a deer” in the New Park of the “Right worshipful Sir Francis Wortley, Knight and Baronet,” Nicholas Whiteley and Richard Hall, yeomen, who had been convicted on their own confession, were committed to York Castle for three months, and further, until they should have “satisfied unto the said Sir Francis Wortley the sum of £3 6s. 8d., for his damages in that case sustained, if he please to accept thereof.”<sup>2</sup>

Sir Francis won, it appears, a good deal of unpopularity in regard to this business, and many “scandalous, malicious, and contemptuous words” were uttered against him, for which the offenders were brought to justice.<sup>3</sup> There are many Chaces mentioned that do not exist to-day, and free warrens and their franchises have long since disappeared. The Indictments and Orders show that before the Commonwealth period there were, at least, six distinct franchises of free warren in the county, viz.: at Hunshelf; Lindle Hill, near Wakefield; Selby; Towlston Moor, and Topcliffe, and Wortley. It would seem that the “New Park” at Wortley had been enclosed since the 5th of Elizabeth, for the Justices, in dealing with cases relating to it, proceeded under the Statute 3 Jas. I, c. 13, which related to “grounds inclosed, and used and kept for the Preservation and Maintenance of Deer and Conies” since the passing of the Statute of Elizabeth. The penalty we have quoted as meted out to Whiteley and Hall for killing a doe at Wortley was the penalty prescribed by the Statute of 7 Jas. I. As Lambard writes: “Against him that is convicted for the unlawful taking or slaying of any deer, they (*i.e.* the Justices) must adjudge treble damages to the party grieved, three months imprisonment of the body of the offender, and (after that expired) to find sureties of his good behaviour for seven years after, or else to remain in prison until he shall find those sureties during those seven years.” But the suretiship for good behaviour could be released at the pleasure of the party aggrieved within the said seven years; anything in the Act (7 Jas. I, 13) mentioned or declared to the contrary notwithstanding.

<sup>1</sup> See note, page 39, and Hunter's *Hallamshire*.

<sup>2</sup> Y.A.J., v, 381.

<sup>3</sup> See pages 60 and 159.



The Free Chaces were Wortley, Uden, and Selby. Uden, described also as a forest, belonged to the Earl of Pembroke, while Selby—both a warren and chace—which had originally belonged to the Abbey there, was at this time owned by Thomas Walmsley, Esq.

Regarding the free warrens, it may be noted that Hunshelf belonged to the Countess of Devon; Lindle Hill to Thomas, Lord Savile; Towlston Moor to Sir William Fairfax; and Topcliffe to William Armitage, gentleman. The only forest mentioned, besides that of Uden, is Knaresborough, then appertaining to Queen Henrietta Maria, in which Rich. Widdopp, yeoman, hunted on one occasion “with a greyhound, and killed and took away a young male red deer within the said forest.”<sup>1</sup>

Poaching in a free warren is illustrated by the case of John Hobson and others,<sup>2</sup> who in 1641 unlawfully assembled at Hunshelf, and there broke and entered “the close and free warren of the most noble Elizabeth, Countess of Devon, chasing with dogs and killing and carrying away two hares.”

The offence of the keeping of hunting dogs by unqualified persons is illustrated by three cases on page 43, in one of which William Warwick is indicted for keeping “a setting dogge” at Knaresborough, [he] not being then in his own right, or that of his wife, seised of lands, etc., to the clear yearly value of £10 a year, or of an estate of inheritance, or lands, etc., for a term of lives of the clear yearly value of £10 a year, or of any estate of inheritance, or lands, etc., for a term of lives of the clear yearly value of £30 a year to his own use, or that of his wife, nor being the son of a knight, baron of Parliament, or of any person of higher grade, nor the son of an esquire—against the Statute 1 Jas. I.

The taking of pheasants’ eggs is exemplified in the case of William Hall, of Hatfield, yeoman, who was indicted for having, in the year 1639, unlawfully taken nine pheasant eggs, to the grievous damage of Sir Arthur Ingram, senr., against the form of the Statute (1 Jas. I, c. 27). By the Statute just cited it was enacted that all and every persons, etc., who shall take the eggs of any pheasant, partridge, or swans out of the nests, or wilfully break, spoil, or destroy the same in the nest, should be committed to gaol for three months without bail, unless they paid to the use of the poor of the parish where the offence

<sup>1</sup> Page 84.

<sup>2</sup> Page 356.

was committed, or they were apprehended, the sum of 20s. for every egg taken or destroyed.

Dealing with "Malicious Injuries to Property," we find only one case of arson, viz.: that of William Sikes, of Darfield, indicted in 1640 for having broken and entered the dwelling-house of Richard Yeates, and then of malice aforethought burning with fire the said house and divers goods therein, to the value of £10. This criminal was committed to York Castle.<sup>1</sup>

The offence of "killing, maiming, or wounding cattle" is represented by a case of injuring a horse,<sup>2</sup> and two of killing mares.<sup>3</sup> In the first instance, for cutting the tail of a horse the delinquent, on his own confession, was fined 12*d.*, while for killing a grey mare on Halifax Moor a woman was only sentenced to pay 2s.

"Killing or maiming dogs" occurs in one instance,<sup>4</sup> where a certain yeoman is charged with "shooting at and killing a greyhound bitch with a gun charged with powder and hail shot." This was a statutable offence.

Among "sundry injuries to property" also occurs an indictment for maliciously killing swine with a pitchfork.<sup>5</sup>

Passing from "Offences against the Rights of Property" to "Offences against the Person," as in the earlier Rolls of 1597-1602, the cases of "Malicious Wounding" largely outnumber all others. Assaults committed on bailiffs, constables, and other officials are, perhaps, the most interesting. There are three of these which relate to bailiffs of the High Sheriff, and thirteen to constables, while two others are assaults on a warrant server and a watchman respectively. In the latter case, the watchman's "watch-bill" was forcibly taken from him by the defendant.<sup>6</sup>

There are no indictments for "Murder," probably for the reason already offered in regard to the scanty indictments for burglary. One attempt to "commit murder" by administering poison occurs, in the case of Elizabeth Helliwell *alias* Hellifield, of Rotherham, who "maliciously and wickedly" attempted to poison not only herself, but also "her maister," Nicholas Spademan, and his wife, "by putting into their pottage certain rat's-bane."<sup>7</sup> The prisoner was committed to the House of

<sup>1</sup> Page 186.

<sup>3</sup> Pages 347 and 389.

<sup>6</sup> Page 217.

<sup>2</sup> Page 92.

<sup>4</sup> Page 188.

<sup>7</sup> Pages 265, 301, and 302.

<sup>5</sup> Page 367.



Correction, at Wakefield, there to remain until the next General Quarter Sessions, if in the meantime she should be not otherwise delivered by due course of law. As there is no mention of her case in the records of the next or subsequent Sessions, it would appear that this delinquent was tried at the Assizes, unless perchance it were that the "rescue," made on her behalf by one William Oates,<sup>1</sup> was effective in causing the woman's complete escape from the hands of justice.

As was the case in the volume of Sessions Records previously published by our Association, the crime of rape is only represented by a single indictment,<sup>2</sup> in which a woman is implicated as an abettor.

"Abuses and Obstructions of Public Authority" are of frequent occurrence. Of the total number the old-fashioned offence of barratry is responsible for fifteen indictments. The "Common Barrator"—as defined by Justice Stephen—is an exceedingly objectionable person, "who habitually moves, excites or maintains suits or quarrels, either at law or otherwise." The "common barrator" was drawn from all classes of society. In the cases where occupations are recorded, we have two yeomen, five husbandmen, two clothiers, two butchers, one blacksmith, one turner, and one labourer.

Of "Extortion and Oppression by Public Officers" there are five cases. In one of these the deputy bailiff of the Wapentake of Claro is charged with receiving 4s. for an arrest, "when in fact no fee was due."<sup>3</sup>

The other cases are of the same nature, are similarly committed by bailiffs, and need no comment, except, perhaps, in the striking case of the High Sheriff's bailiff, Gregory Danbie, of Doncaster,<sup>4</sup> who "under colour of his office" extorted from Samuel Vanpanie, Esq., £18 "for executing a writ directed to him."

For the offence of "Rescue" we find four persons indicted. To one of these, viz., that of Elizabeth Helliwell, the rat's-bane poisoner, by William Oates, reference has already been made, and the other cases present no exceptional features of interest.

There are not many cases of "Riotous Assemblies" or "Riotous Assaults." Perhaps the most interesting of these is the forcible entry made at Barnes Hall, Ecclesfield, when Samuel Vanpanie, Esq.,<sup>5</sup> was ejected from that mansion, apparently by

<sup>1</sup> Page 302.

<sup>2</sup> Page 296.

<sup>3</sup> Page 33.

<sup>4</sup> Page 356.

<sup>5</sup> Page 331.

his landlord, Mr. Richard Watts (Vicar of Chesterton), and others. The object of these and of other unlawful assemblies was generally, it would appear, to assert a right to some particular building or land.

The misdemeanour of "Forcible Entry" numbers eighteen cases, including that, of course, of Mr. Vanpanie, which also involved the allied misdemeanour of "Forcible Detainer." If any controversy or dispute arose as to the ownership of land, the person who was not in possession often had resort to force to obtain it; and though damage is sometimes alleged to have been done to grass or trees in taking possession, usually it is the forcible entry that is the subject of the indictment. Rather an interesting illustration of forcible entry is the charge brought by divers inhabitants of Hatfield Wood House and Stainforth against Francis Thurley and other "ill-doers," who, with staves and swords, entered the common pasture in Hatfield, called Burmoor, and by force disseised and expelled the said inhabitants from the same common, and by force and power of arms kept them so disseised and expelled.<sup>1</sup> One of the defendants, we learn, submitted himself to the clemency of the Court, and was fined 2s. 6d.

Leaving the category of "Offences against Public Order," we pass on to those which in Stephen's *Digest of the Criminal Law* are entitled: "Acts injurious to the Public in General." Of these, in the Sessions Books, we meet with the sub-divisions: "Offences against Religion," "Offences against Morality," and "Common Nuisances." The first of these, under the head of "Being absent from Church," is committed by one hundred and fifty-six persons, of whom one hundred and fifty are included in one Presentment. In the Sessions Roll of the year 1598, the reader may be reminded, there were one hundred and twenty-one persons presented or indicted.<sup>2</sup> The names of the places from whence the offenders came are different in the present instance from those that are met with in 1598, with the one exception of Kirkby Overblow. The places and numbers of individuals are as follows:—

Aberford, 1.

Barnborough, 4.

Aldwark, 1.

Beale, 1.

Badsworth, 4.

Bradfield, 8.

<sup>1</sup> Page 75.

<sup>2</sup> See *Sessions Rolls*, 1597-1602, page xxii.

Bramwith, 1.	Goole, 6.
Brindsworth, 1.	Haughton, 13.
Burghwallis, 9.	Kellington, 3.
Campsall, 1.	Kirkby Overblow, 1.
Castleford, 1.	Knottingley, 4.
Cawthorne, 1.	Linton, 1.
Clayton-cum-Frickley, 17.	Penistone, 4.
Cowick, 1.	Rotherham, 10.
Ecclesfield, 7.	Snaith, 1.
Featherstone, 16.	Whitgift, 1.
Fryston, 21.	Womersley, 12.

Of these places in a list of Roman Catholics, made in 1604,<sup>1</sup> the following are named:—Aberford, Bradfield, Cawthorne, Ecclesfield, Frickley, Haughton (?), Linton, and Rotherham.

In connection with these places, the following family names occur in 1604 and in the years covered by the Sessions of 1638–42, viz.: Under Bradfield, in 1604, Margaret, the wife of Richard Revell, of Stannington, and Thomas Revell, their son, are reported as “non-communicants at Easter last.” In 1641, Roland Revell, of Bradfield, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, and under Ecclesfield, to which parish Bradfield belonged, we find also, in 1641, George Revell, and Alice his wife, presented for not attending church. Under Frickley, in both lists we have a William Clayton. These are the only names that correspond at the two periods. Besides the long list given on pp. 296, 7, 8 of this volume there are a few other cases in the Indictments, viz.: those of Ambrose Appleby, of Linton-upon-Ouse, gent., and Mary his wife; Thomas Empson, of Goole, gent.; Thomas Appleby, of Linton-on-Ouse, gent., whose offences were committed in 1637; Edmund Hickorngill, of Aberford, gent., who “forbore” church in 1638; Richard French, of Brindsworth, husbandman, 1639; Thomas Harrison of the parish of Kirkby Overblow, husbandman, in 1642.

The various offenders were drawn from all classes of society, but their status is not often recorded. Title-bearing families are represented by Lady Mary Reresby and Jane, Diana, and Dorothy Reresby, of Rotherham, and by Lady Elizabeth Foljambe, of Aldwark. The families of Esquires are represented only by Anne Scroope, wife of ——— Scroope, Esq., and by

<sup>1</sup> See *List of Roman Catholics in the County of York in 1604*, transcribed by Edward Peacock, F.S.A., London, 1872.



Matthew Hamerton, Esq., of Featherstone ; and the Gentlemen and Gentlewomen by fourteen names. Two persons are entered as "Husbandmen," and one as "Yeoman," the occupations of all the others being undefined. A few notes regarding some of the names may be acceptable.

LADY MARY RERESBY was daughter of Sir John Mounson, and probably widow of Sir Thomas Reresby, of Thribergh, who died in 1609, Jane, Diana, and Dorothy being her granddaughters.<sup>1</sup> As Sir Thomas was a J.P. in 1598, it would seem that he may for a time have temporised, but he and his wife were returned as "non-communicants" in 1606, and George Eglisham, M.D., a schoolmaster "which teacheth the children of Sir Thomas Reresby," was in the same entry denounced as "a Recusant." This schoolmaster had been educated at Louvain. In Sir Thomas Gargrave's *List of Principal Gentry in the West Riding*, made in 1572, he labels Sir Thomas Reresby as "doubtful" in his attachment to the Reformed Faith.<sup>2</sup>

LADY ELIZABETH FOLJAMBE was daughter of Sir George Reresby, of Thrybergh, and second wife of Sir Francis Foljambe, of Aldwark. She married three husbands after the death of Sir Francis, and was sister to Jane, Diana, and Dorothy, who, as we have seen, were presented for non-attendance at church. Sir Francis was M.P. for Pontefract in 1 Chas. I.

Taking the other names of non-churchgoers in the order they occur, let us endeavour to identify some of them.

ROLAND REVELL was one of the Revells who lived at Revell Grange, in Stannington, where, as Hunter tells us,<sup>3</sup> they had resided from an early period, and "whom we often meet in the old genealogies, as connected by marriage with the superior gentry of the county of Derby. The attachment of this family to the old profession of religion exposed them to much injurious treatment in the time of the Civil Wars and Commonwealth. From the effect of the severe and heavy fines which were levied upon them, at the time when the name of Recusant was supposed to place a man out of the pale of civil protection, the family seems scarcely now to have recovered itself. Mr. Richard Bromhead, of this place," Hunter adds, "married the heiress of the Revells about the year 1740."

<sup>1</sup> See Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire, with Additions*, p. 331. Lady Mary is there named Margaret.

<sup>2</sup> See Cartwright's *Chapters of Yorkshire History*, p. 69.

<sup>3</sup> *Hallamshire*, by Hunter and Gatty, p. 467.

In 1604, "Margaret, the wife of Richard Revell, of Stannington, and Thomas Revell, their son, of twenty years of age," were returned as "non-communicants at Easter last."<sup>1</sup> In 1665, Richard Revell, gent., Anne Revell, spinster, and Gertrude Revell, spinster, were presented as Recusants; in 1679, Anne, Gertrude, and Hanna; and in 1680, Elizabeth Revell, widow, and Gertrude and Ann, were similarly dealt with. In 1691, Rowland, Gregory, Gertrude, and Anne Revell were ordered to be "attached," while, in 1715, Rowland Revell, of Stannington, was returned as a Catholic non-juror.

SARA, WIFE OF THOMAS WEBSTER, of Bradfield, yeoman, was doubtless the Sara Webster, widow, who, under the same township, was convicted as a Recusant in 1666.

RICHARD SHIERCLIFFE<sup>2</sup> and BENNETT, his wife, probably belonged to the family of Shiercliffe, of Ecclesfield Hall, who purchased lands at Whitley, in the parish of Ecclesfield.<sup>3</sup>

MARY, WIFE OF JOHN WYLDE, of Ecclesfield, may have been of the same family as Francis Wild, "pensioner," who was presented in 1680.

PHILIP ANNE, of Clayton-cum-Frickley, Esq., was the eldest son of George Anne, of the same, by Margaret, daughter and sole heir of Richard Fenton. Philip died in 1647, having married Ellen, daughter and coheir of Hugh Sherburn, of Esholt. His sisters, Bridget and Frances Anne, were nuns in Flanders.<sup>4</sup> George Anne, Esq., Philip's father, paid £15 in 159 $\frac{8}{9}$  as a Recusant "for the providing and furnishing of light horses in Ireland."<sup>5</sup>

JANE ANNE was probably Jane, a daughter of the above Philip Anne.

MARY CONYERS, of Frickley, appears to have been the aunt of Jane, and sister of Philip Anne, who had married a Conyers.

WILLIAM CLAYTON, of Frickley, was probably the William Clayton, a servant of Mr. Anne's, whose treatment of a Privy Seal directed to his master, and despatched to him by Sir Gervase Cutler, is described in a letter written by that knight to the Privy Council, on May 3rd, 1626.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Peacock, *List of R.C.s in 1604*, p. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Shirtcliffe in the text is evidently a clerical error for Shiercliffe.

<sup>3</sup> A pedigree of the family is given in Hunter's *Hallamshire*.

<sup>4</sup> See Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire, with Additions*, part v, vol. ii, p. 87.

<sup>5</sup> Cartwright's *Chapters of Yorkshire History*, p. 180.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 361.

ELIZABETH LEPTON, of Frickley, was evidently Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Lepton, of Kepwick, another of the sisters of Philip Anne.

LAWRENCE BAYTE appears to be the fellow-servant of William Clayton, mentioned above, as employed in Mr. Anne's service at Frickley, and is named in Sir Gervase Cutler's letter.

JOHN PIERCEY, described as of Womersley, was of Stubbs-Walden, in that parish, and was eldest son of Francis Percy of that place by his wife Frances, daughter of Ralph Vavasour, of Hazlewood. He married Frances, daughter of Andrew Yonge. She is also, as we see, returned as a non-church-goer. Her husband, John Percy, was living in August, 1665, at the time of Sir William Dugdale's *Visitation*, and was then aged 81. Their second son, John Percy, was slain fighting for the King in 1648.

LUCY PERCY was evidently the sister of John Percy, the father. She died, a spinster, at Stannington, and her will is dated 8th April, 1669, while Dorothy Percy was the daughter of the same John and Frances, who afterwards married John Bretton, of Bretton, co. York.

BARTHOLOMEW PERCY would seem to be the brother of John Percy, named as second son of Francis in Dugdale's *Visitation*. John and Bartholomew Percy's sister, Theodosia, married Richard Shiercliffe, of Ecclesfield, and their sister Elizabeth married Richard Revell, of Stannington—families noted, as we have seen, for their recusancy.

MATTHEW HAMERTON, of Featherstone, Esq., was son of Paul Hamerton, of Preston-Jacklyn, by his wife Isabel, daughter of Matthew Wentworth, of Bretton, Esq. He died in 1644, having married Bridget, daughter of Edward Rolston, of Toyn-ton, co. Lincoln.

PHILIP HAMERTON, gent., was the eldest son of the above Matthew. He married Dorothy, daughter of Andrew Young, of Burn, co. York, who with her husband is presented as a Recusant. The Hamertons were a strong Roman Catholic family, and Philip's two sisters, Barbara and Frances, were nuns at Pontoise. In 1679, the bailiffs, constables, etc., of the West Riding were commanded to "attach the body" of Anne Hamerton, of Preston-Jacklyn, "under several Acts of Parliament made against Popish Recusants," and, in 1680, Philip Hamerton, senr., and Philip Hamerton, junr., and his wife and John Hamer-



ton were returned as "suspected recusants." In 1683, Philip and his wife are presented for being absent from church, and in 1691, Mr. Matthew and his wife were ordered to appear at the Sessions to take the oath of allegiance, and that against the papal supremacy; to be disarmed; have their horses (over the value of £5) seized, and their weapons confiscated for the King's service. Mr. John Hamerton, son of Matthew, was a Catholic non-juror in 1715.

ELIZABETH HIPPON, of Featherstone, was the widow apparently of George Hippon, of Newhall, and was the daughter of Edward Rolleston, of Toynton, co. Lincoln. She was buried at Featherstone, 3rd Nov., 1643. Margaret Hippon (misspelt "Hipperon") was the daughter of this lady, and afterwards married in 1655 George Thimbleby, of Snydal. Bridget, Alice, and Mary Hippon were also daughters of Mrs. Elizabeth Hippon. Mr. Hunter states that "the family became reduced, and sold their estate to Sir E. Winn."<sup>1</sup>

ELLENA BECKWITH was probably one of the Beckwith family that possessed Ackworth until the time of the Commonwealth; in fact, she seems to be the "Ellinor" baptized at Featherstone, 29th Nov., 1607, and daughter of Thomas Beckwith by his wife Barbara, daughter of John Milburne, of Hinder-skelfe.

PHILIP DOLMAN, gentleman, of Badsworth, was apparently the third son of Sir Robert Dolman, of Pocklington. He married Frances, daughter of Walter Vavasour, of Hazlewood, after the death of her first husband, James Lawson, of Newsam Abbey. His grandfather, Thomas Dolman, of Pocklington, was in 1572 described by Sir Thomas Gargrave as "a meane or lesse eryll papist." He, Thomas, probably conformed, in some measure, to Protestantism, as we find him a Justice of the Peace in 1584. His widow, Elizabeth, was a Vavasour, and was presented as a Recusant in 1604.

The Dolmans suffered not only for their religion, but for their attachment, in the Civil Wars, to the King's cause. Philip Dolman, who was presented as a Recusant in our Sessions Records, may have been the Philip Dolman whose forfeited lands in Bishop Wilton were sold by the "Treason Trustees" in 1653.<sup>2</sup> In 1912, the Dolman family was represented by the

<sup>1</sup> See Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire, with Additions*, by J. W. Clay.

<sup>2</sup> See *Royalist Composition Papers*, vol. iii of the Y.A.S. Record Series.

Rev. George Dolman, Catholic priest of Banbury, a claimant to the Stapleton barony.<sup>1</sup>

FRANCIS OGLETHORPE and his wife, of Knottingley, appear to have been of a lowly position, for he seems to have been the same Francis Oglethorpe, described as "labourer," who was presented, under Knottingley, along with Elena, his daughter, in 1666.

MARY, WIFE OF RALPH HILL, of Haughton, in Castleford parish, may have been connected with Anna, the wife of Thomas Hill, yeoman, of the same place, who was presented as a Recusant in 1666.

WILLIAM BILLCLIFFE, of Haughton, and ——— his wife, were probably the William Billcliffe, carpenter, and Mary his wife, who were convicted as Recusants in 1666, along with Richard their son and Winefrid their daughter, and with Thomas Billcliffe, yeoman, and Mary his wife, Ellena Billcliffe, widow, and Margaret, her daughter. In 1680, Matthew Billcliffe, Anne, Margaret, and Mary Billcliffe, the elder, were presented, and Matthew Billcliffe, Ann his wife, and Margaret and Mary Billcliffe in 1691.

JOHN HUNTRESSE and MARY his wife, also of Haughton, in the parish of Castleford, were, doubtless, the John Huntresse and Mary his wife presented in 1666, he being then described as a "taylor."

——— RASIN, of Castleford. In 1666, Francisca Rasin, of Castleford, was fined for recusancy.

JOHN COOPELAINE and MARGARET his wife, of Fryston, were represented among the Recusants of the West Riding, by Margaret Coopeland, then a widow; by Margaret Coopeland, her daughter; and Frances Coopeland, her "servant," in 1661, and by Elizabeth Coopeland, in the return of 1691.

THOMAS SHILLITO and ELIZABETH, his wife, and Anne and William Shillito, of Fryston, were members of a family who suffered over and over again for conscience sake. In 1666, Elizabeth Shillito, widow, doubtless widow of the above William, William Shillito, her son, and Anne and Elizabeth, her daughters, were presented as Recusants; also Elizabeth Shillito was summoned to appear at the Rotherham Sessions in 1679; and Elizabeth and her daughter Elizabeth were reported as "suspected Popish Recusants" in 1680.

<sup>1</sup> See Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire, with Additions*, by J. W. Clay, vol. x, p. 161.



THOMAS EMPSON (probably the same Thomas Empson, gent., presented in 1637),<sup>1</sup> John Empson and Mary his wife, and Gregoria Empson are represented in the list of Recusants in 1666 by Anthony Empson, "labourer," and Anna his wife, whose names also appear in 1679 and 1680, and in the latter year, under Goole, are also recorded the names of William Empson and of Catherine Empson, spinster. In 1691, Dorothy Empson and her sons William and Gregory were still upholding the religious traditions of their family.

It is to be noticed that proceedings were taken for punishing absence from church under the Statute 1 Eliz., c. 2, entitled: "An Act for the Uniformity of Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments"; and of the Statute 23 Eliz., c. 1: "An Act for retaining the Queen's Subjects in their due Obedience." In the first of these Statutes the penalty for "not repairing to church" was 12*d.*, while under the latter it was £20 for every month absent. The month was to be accounted 28 days, so that the Recusant would forfeit, as a commentator points out, "thirteen score Pounds in the whole year."<sup>2</sup>

The words at the end of the indictment (p. 298): "Proclamation was made at this Session according to the form of the Statute," seem to refer to Statute 28 Eliz., c. 3, where it was enacted that "upon the Indictment of such offender, a Proclamation shall be made at the same Assizes or Gaol Delivery . . . by which it shall be commanded that the body of such offender shall be rendered to the Sheriff of the same county before the said next Assizes or General Gaol Delivery to be holden in the same county; And if, at the said next Assizes or Gaol Delivery the same offender so proclaimed shall not make appearance of record, that then, upon such default recorded, the same shall be as sufficient a conviction in law . . . as if upon the same Indictment a trial by verdict thereupon had proceeded and been recorded."

All the persons indicted in these Sessions Books as absentees from church seem to have been Roman Catholics, and I have not been able to identify any names as those of Quakers or of other sects of Nonconformists.

Proceedings, as has been said, for "Absence from Church" seem generally to have been taken under Statute 1 Eliz., c. 2,

<sup>1</sup> Page 40.

<sup>2</sup> *The Laws against Papists and Popish Recusants, Nonconformists, and Nonjurors*, London, W. Bickerton, 1744.

as indicated by the order made, at the Sessions at Knaresborough, 5th Oct., 1641,<sup>1</sup> wherein the churchwardens in the West Riding are blamed for not having lately put the law into execution in regard to this offence. But, as appears by the presentment of the numerous offenders made at Rotherham Sessions on the 19th July, action was also taken under 23 Eliz., c. 1. Offences against this Act, as well as those against the Statutes of the 1st, 5th, and 13th of Elizabeth, concerning Her Majesty's Supremacy, the Service of God, and Establishment of the true Religion, were all inquirable before the Justices of Peace in Sessions, as well as other Justices named in the said Statutes.

In Appendix B, p. 397, the reader will find "Directions" issued by the Justices of Assize to the Justices of the Peace, in the year 1618, calling upon the latter to put in execution the laws "against those that absent themselves from divine service, be they either papists, puritans, idle or loose people."

At the Knaresborough Sessions, 5th Oct., 1641, an Order was made that every churchwarden in every parish, within this Riding, do forthwith take notice, and see that the "Statute made in the 1st year of Q. Elizabeth in regard to attendance at church be put in execution, and make known at every monthly meeting, or to the next Justice of Peace, their proceedings in the premises."

Lord Clarendon,<sup>2</sup> in his *History of the Rebellion*,<sup>3</sup> writing of events connected with this period, says: "The Papists were the most commonplace, and the butt against whom all the arrows were directed; and so . . . an order was made by both Houses 'for disarming all the Papists in England': upon which, and the like orders though seldom anything was after done, or no matter of moment, yet it served to keep the fears and apprehensions in the people of dangers and designs." An attempt was made to execute this order at the subsequent Barnsley Sessions, held 19th January, 1641-2, where it was "Ordered that the High Constables of the wapentake of Strathforth and Tickhill shall . . . make diligent search in the houses of all Recusants convict, and elsewhere, for all . . . armour, gun-powder, and munition, and upon finding of any such that they seize and detain the same in their custody, or

<sup>1</sup> Page 316.

<sup>2</sup> Pages 316, 317.

<sup>3</sup> *History of the Rebellion*, book iv, in initio.



in such place or places as shall be thought fit by four of His Majesty's Justices of Peace, at the costs and charges of the owners thereof."<sup>1</sup>

The Recusants, though disarmed, had to repair, like other folk, to the Musters. Writing on 4th January, 1638-9, about the General Muster at York, on the occasion of the first expedition to Scotland, Sir Jacob Astley reports to Secretary Windbank: "I find such men as are Recusants sending their servants unarmed, because their arms are taken from them. By this means there will be a considerable number of men coming to the Exercise and at the Rendezvous unarmed. This I thought good to speak of."<sup>2</sup>

Under the category of "Acts injurious to the Public in general," and of the sub-division, "Common Nuisances," we find one indictment laid against a "tipler," *i.e.* an alehouse keeper, "for keeping in his house at Barnby Dunne [Barnby-upon-Dun] . . . unlawful games, viz. cards and dice." Probably proceedings were taken in this case, as in a similar case in 1597, under the Statute 33 Henry VIII, c. 9.

Of "Common Nuisances" in regard to the non-repair of highways and bridges, there is a long array of Presentments—a great contrast to the small number on the Rolls for the years 1597-1602. A complete list of these will be found under these titles in the General Index to this volume. Obstructing the highway was then, as it has always been, a common offence; the adjacent owners seem to have regarded the roadsides as their property. For instance, George Booth, of Snowdon, yeoman, is, we find, presented in 1637 for having "made and planted at Timble, in the King's highway there, leading from the town of Timble to the market town of Leeds, certain pales and fences, and dug a ditch there, so that the subjects of our Lord the King can not pass there with their horses and carriages."<sup>3</sup> In 1638, on Sir Thomas Gascoigne, Bart., is laid a penalty of £5 to ensure his sufficiently filling up the fences about the coal pits on the waste commonly called Garforth Moor, near the King's highway leading from the town of Garforth to the market town of Leeds, and, in the same year, William Chowler, of Bramhope, was bound under penalty to fill up the lime pits dug by him on Bramhope Moor, near the King's highway leading from the town of Otley to the city of York. In 1639,

<sup>1</sup> Page 359.<sup>2</sup> *State Papers, Domestic*, vol. cccix.<sup>3</sup> Page 33.

a penalty of £40 was imposed on the inhabitants of Brighouse, should they fail to fill up a pit dug in the King's highway between the towns of Wakefield and Halifax.<sup>1</sup>

In 1640, Christopher Greene, of Seacroft, yeoman, confessed the indictment charging him with having ploughed up the King's highway between Leeds and York, at Seacroft, and with having enclosed the same with ditches "to the grievous annoyance of all his neighbours, and the bad example of others."<sup>2</sup> He was fined 5s., and an Order made<sup>3</sup> "that the said Greene shall cast out and lay open the said King's highway before 1st May next, upon pain of £40. In 1641, Richard Herring, a husbandman of Wath, was indicted for placing certain cart loads of limestone in the open street at Wombwell, so that the King's subjects could not pass by that way. His fine was 2s. 6d.

Most of the highways, doubtless, were in a deplorable state, but how bad or good they were is not easy to determine as the same general words are almost invariably used in indictments and orders, viz. "such and such a road is in great decay for lack of repair." There do not appear to have been any main roads in these days repairable by the county; all upkeep of highways was chargeable to the parishes or townships through which the roads passed, or to owners of property adjoining upon them. Sometimes, as in the case of Wakefield,<sup>4</sup> the liability, it appears, fell upon particular wards of a given town. In special circumstances, however, it would seem that an "estreat," *alias* a rate in aid, was laid upon the whole of the West Riding. Thus, in regard to Monk Fryston "cawsey," "forasmuch as the charge of the repair of the said 'cawsey' " was "too great a burthen, either to be repaired by the parishes of Monk Fryston and Hambleton, in which parishes the said 'cawsey' lieth, or by the wapentake of Barkston Ash," it was Ordered that the sum of £100 should be estreated upon the West Riding to be bestowed upon the repair of that road.<sup>5</sup>

According to the law, as it then stood, in virtue of Statute 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, every person for every plough-land in tillage or pasture that he occupied in any given parish, and "every other person keeping there a draught [of oxen] or plough, had to send, at every day and place to be appointed for the amending of the ways in the parish . . . one wain or

<sup>1</sup> Page 153.

<sup>3</sup> Page 206.

<sup>5</sup> Page 380.

<sup>2</sup> Page 190.

<sup>4</sup> Page 231.



cart, furnished after the custom of the country, with oxen, horses, or other cattle, and all other necessities meet to carry things for that purpose, and also two able men with the same, upon pain of every draught making default, 10s." There is an instance<sup>1</sup> of a yeoman being indicted in the year 1641, for "keeping at Whiston [in the parish of Sheffield] a team of oxen," and "not working with his team on the repair of the King's highway, in the township of Brightside-Bierlow, for the space of five days, when he was thereto required by the surveyor of the King's highway there."

By the Statute of Philip and Mary just referred to, while fairly large landowners had to send carts and horses, "cottagers and labourers, able to labour," were themselves to work and "travail" in the amendment of the highways four days in the year. Thus, in the indictments, we find that in 1641, at the Wakefield Sessions, three labourers were indicted for not working for the space of time required by the overseer.<sup>2</sup>

In regard to Bridges a list is given, in Appendix C, of those that were not included in the "Book of Bridges," which contained the names of the ones repairable by the West Riding, in the 44th year of Elizabeth.<sup>3</sup> There was often great difficulty in determining upon whose shoulders the liability to repair rested. Sometimes the officials who collected and disbursed money for bridge repairing were negligent in furnishing accounts, as was the case in regard to the wapentakes of Staincliffe and Ewcross in the year 1640.<sup>4</sup> It was found desirable, at that date, to be assured that the "money is not misemployed, or converted unto any private uses, but [spent] for the public and general good of the country." At the Pontefract Sessions in 1638 a serious charge was brought against "the late High Constable of Strafforth and Tickhill," Mr. Thomas Wainwright, as having been found false, and not having dealt "justly and truly according to the trust in him reposed" in regard to moneys allowed to him towards the repair of Marles and Darfield bridges.<sup>5</sup>

In 1615 an interesting Order<sup>6</sup> was made at Pontefract—to which the reader is referred—regarding "divers and sundry obscure and petty bridges" that "by favour of the juries" had been wrongly presented and found repairable as county bridges,

<sup>1</sup> Page 296.

<sup>2</sup> Page 322.

<sup>3</sup> See *West Riding Sessions Rolls*, Record Series, vol. iii, p. xxxviii.

<sup>4</sup> Page 207.

<sup>5</sup> Page 65.

<sup>6</sup> Page 19.

“at the general charge of the whole West Riding.” The Order directed “that no private inquiries for decays of bridges shall from henceforth be made at any divided [(?) Petty] Sessions,” but only at the Quarter Sessions holden yearly at Easter.

Sometimes—on one occasion at any rate in the period we are dealing with—the Justices seem to have shown themselves remiss in regard to the repair of their bridges; so much so that they had in 1638 to be roused by a writ proceeding from the Assize Court at York to the performance of their duty.<sup>1</sup> The bridges in question were Gargrave, Hewick, and Skirden.

At the Spring Sessions at Pontefract in 1641, the Justices “considered” three presentments “preferred before H.M. Justices of Assize against the inhabitants of this West Riding” for not repairing the above three bridges, “several pains being imposed upon the said inhabitants for their default.” The magistrates desired some of the Justices, living near Gargrave and Skirden bridges, to certify the Justices of Assize that those two bridges were “now in good repair,” and see that the “pains may be discharged.” It is to be noticed that from the first mention [in April, 1638] of the “ruin and decay” of Gargrave bridge until the date of the completion of the work [May, 1641] three years had elapsed. Evidently, the spur applied at York Assizes was not unjustified. The county was put to some law expenses in regard to the matter of these bridges, and to Mr. Francis Turner for appearing, on behalf of the county, before H.M. Justices of Assize at York, £10 was paid.<sup>2</sup> The cases of Gargrave and Skirden bridges seem to have been complicated by “differences” arising between the wapentakes of Staincliffe, Ewcross, and Claro, and the other wapentakes of the West Riding as to their respective liabilities.<sup>3</sup> We are told<sup>4</sup> that Gargrave bridge had to be rebuilt in stone, “because there is no timber in that part of the country fit for that work.” We are also told that the said bridge was “useful and commodious for the whole country, being the high road way between the city of London and the counties of Westmorland and Cumberland.” Although such an important structure, it was not in the “Book of Bridges” as repairable by the county.

There were certain bridges on the “frontiers” of the county that were repairable half and half by two counties, *e.g.*

<sup>1</sup> Page 90 [*Y.A.J.*, p. 379].

<sup>2</sup> Page 381.

<sup>3</sup> Page 125.

<sup>4</sup> Page 71.



Rawthey Bridge,<sup>1</sup> by the West Riding and the county of Westmorland. We learn from an Order made in 1613 that "divers of H.M. subjects to the number of 40 persons had, within a small space, been there drowned," on account of the ruined condition of the bridge. Tadcaster bridge was as to its "west end" to be repaired by the West Riding, and the other end thereof by the Ainsty of York.<sup>2</sup> For upholding Bawtry bridge the West Riding and county of Notts. were jointly liable.<sup>3</sup> For Crooke Lane bridge, in the wapentake of Ewcross, that wapentake and Staincliffe wapentake were responsible jointly with the county of Westmorland.<sup>4</sup> Ripon North-bridge also was upheld by the West and North Ridings in similar manner. Of the non-county bridges not repairable by the Riding, some were to be maintained by the parishes or townships in which they were situate, but sometimes, in case of need, when a township or parish was unable to meet the expense, an estreat—a rate in aid—was laid upon the wapentake in which the township or parish lay, and sometimes even a gratuity was, for the nonce, contributed by the Riding. Mytholmroyd bridge, in the township of Sowerby, was helped in this manner.<sup>5</sup> The wapentakes themselves often received "grants in aid" for bridge repair, the Orders under which the grants were made taking care, however, to provide, as in the case of Eastburn bridge,<sup>6</sup> that "this Order of allowance shall be understood as favour to the wapentake, where the bridge lies, but not to be a precedent hereafter to charge the West Riding with such claim for the repair of the said bridge."

The entry<sup>7</sup> relating to Wakefield bridge, and the chapel thereon, is interesting. The chapel is described as "a great stay and help to the same," and it was "Ordered that the said chapel be hereafter kept decently, and that no persons whatsoever be suffered to inhabit therein." This Order seems to show that, even in 1638, there were Justices of the Peace who had a reverence for the relics of the past.

Wetherby bridge, we learn<sup>8</sup> from its townsmen, had got into a state of decay in 1614, owing to "the continual travel of coal wains over the same." Coal at this time was being worked comparatively extensively. In the 20th Eliz. all the coal mines

<sup>1</sup> Page 15.<sup>4</sup> Page 137.<sup>7</sup> Page 67 [*Y.A.J.*, v, 371].<sup>2</sup> Page 317.<sup>5</sup> Page 82 [*Y.A.J.*, v, 378]. <sup>8</sup> Page 17.<sup>3</sup> Page 270.<sup>6</sup> Page 377.

within the manor of Leeds had been let to one Christopher Mather, and doubtless from the Leeds pits coals were carried north over Wetherby bridge.

Of "Offences connected with trade" there are many examples. These are all statutable offences of which, perhaps, that of exercising a trade without being thereto apprenticed is among the most common. There are four indictments under this head, applying to the trades of butcher (two cases), pewterer, and dyer. There is one case of unjust weights, and four of affixing false search marks to cloth. Three of these latter cases refer to one offender, Ralph Battie, a Batley clothier, to whom, apparently, the official searchers had irregularly delegated their office.<sup>1</sup> "Abuses," in regard to the use of false seals, were, we are told, "not only common but 'tended' to the great disparagement of good cloth-makers."

Selling meat in Lent is a trade offence long since obsolete. We have one instance of it,<sup>2</sup> in which four Wakefield butchers were in 1638 prosecuted for slaughtering ten calves and twenty sheep, "against the form of the Statute," 1 Jas. I, c. 29, entitled: "An Act to encourage the Seamen of England." There is only one case of selling adulterated food, viz. oats,<sup>3</sup> the offender being a "badger," *i.e.* a pedlar.

Among some sundry offences, difficult to classify, is that of ladies indicted for the offence of being "common scolds"—a crime not recognised by Justice Stephen in his category of offences. We may, perhaps, as we did in the former volume of our Sessions Records, assign the offence a place in the category of "Public Nuisances." Ann Walker,<sup>4</sup> for calling one Andrew Shaw "cuckoe," for "her bold and impudent behaviour" was sentenced in 1614 "to be rung through the town of Wakefield with basins before her, as is accustomed for common scolds." Dorothy Marwood had to stand in the "cucking stoole" at Wentworth in 1639, as a punishment for her vituperative tongue.<sup>5</sup> The total number of indictments for this offence, recorded in the Rolls, is six.

#### ORDERS.

The "Orders" in the "Order Books" to many readers will probably be more interesting than the Indictments, covering as they do the multifarious business of the county that

<sup>1</sup> Page 241.

<sup>3</sup> Page 75.

<sup>5</sup> Page 140.

<sup>2</sup> Page 60.

<sup>4</sup> Page 18.



then came within the scope and cognisance of Quarter Sessions. The Orders relate to the administration of the Poor Laws, the duties of constables, the repair of Highways and Bridges, the licensing and regulation of Ale-houses, the assessment of Rates, Bastardy, Lunacy, Musters, Soldiers' Pensions, etc., as well as to the every-day formalities of taking recognisances, issuing writs and warrants, etc. It has not been thought necessary to print in this volume all the numerous cases relating to Settlement and Bastardy, but the folios are indicated in the notes on which the entries anent them occur. Nor is this volume of Sessions Records as interesting in regard to the treatment of the poor as was the previous one published by our Society, which covered the date (1601) in which the great Act of Elizabeth was passed that still forms the basis of our present system. The subject of the Poor Law has been very fully dealt with by the writer in the earlier volume of the Sessions Rolls.<sup>1</sup>

The principle of Settlement is fully illustrated by such a case as that in which "the inhabitants of Cawthorn informed the Court that one George Hall, rough mason, having dwelt and remained eight or nine years last past within the parish of Ecclesfield, is lately joined amongst them, and hath brought his wife and child with him, intending to settle himself with his father in Cawthorn, and so like to be chargeable and burthensome unto that parish," whereupon it was "Ordered that the said George Hall shall be remanded and sent back unto Ecclesfield, there to be settled and provided for as the law in that case hath appointed and provided."<sup>2</sup>

A parish had only to maintain its existing poor, so, naturally, objection was taken to any addition being made to their number, and hence women of immoral life or likely to bear an illegitimate child coming into the parish were altogether unwelcome.

The second class of cases relate to how the poor, which the parish was bound to maintain, were to be provided for. Sometimes this was done by finding houseroom, sometimes by making an allowance. In these Orders numerous examples are to be found of both these kinds of treatment.

Rogues and beggars were rigorously dealt with; but apparently, as shown by an interesting Order made at Pontefract in 1612,<sup>3</sup> small success crowned the efforts of the Justices to

<sup>1</sup> Page xxviii *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> Page 144.

<sup>3</sup> Page 7.

suppress vagrancy, which at the above date, we are told, had increased "now more of late than at any time heretofore hath been." No doubt another reason why the vagrant of that day was so severely dealt with was because he was the cause of the spread of much of the sickness then prevailing, and it must be borne in mind that the introduction of plague into the county meant a rate on the parishes adjoining to the places infected by the disease. Incorrigible rogues were branded "on the left shoulder with the Roman letter R," and then "let go quit."<sup>1</sup>

It was an indictable offence for anyone to build a cottage unless four acres of land were attached to it for the support of the tenant. Even converting a house into a cottage without assigning the necessary four acres was punishable.<sup>2</sup> In most, if not all, parishes certain cottages were "used and employed for the use of the poor," and an example of this is found among the Orders made at Halifax in 1638, when William Jenkinson, of Northowram, "contemptuously refused" to depart out of such a cottage, and needed a warrant to be served upon him before he could be ejected.<sup>3</sup>

An interesting case is that of Edward Smith, of Darrington, "a very poor man," who complained that he had lived a long time in a poor cottage, and was now "threatened to be put out and to lie out of doors this winter, there to wander and become vagrant, and so for want to steal or pilfer contrary to Law, and to be starved unless some course be further taken by this Court." The Justices considered that, forasmuch as the said Edward Smith was aged and poor, that there was just cause that he should remain and continue if the owner of the cottage would consent, failing such consent; the churchwardens and overseers were to provide that a new cottage should be erected for him.<sup>4</sup>

The taking in of "inmates," otherwise lodgers, was not objected to on moral or sanitary grounds, but for the reason that the Statute enjoining provision of four acres for a family would be violated. The case of Thomas Beardsall and Thomas Rollinson shows that landlords were sometimes apt to evict tenants in order to escape the law regarding the taking in of inmates, *i.e.* the housing of more than one family in a single cottage.<sup>5</sup> At Selby, in 1614, we see that those who kept

<sup>1</sup> Pages 62, 3.

<sup>3</sup> Page 94.

<sup>5</sup> Page 115.

<sup>2</sup> Page 81.

<sup>4</sup> Page 99 [*Y.A.J.*, v, 382].

“inmates and undertenants in their homes, tenements, or chambers,” etc., were to pay on a two-fold assessment, “so that the charge of the relief of such inmates or undertenants may lie upon those persons that are receivers of them.”<sup>1</sup>

BASTARDY.—In regard to this subject, it is to be noticed that in many cases both father and mother of an illegitimate child were punished. Thus William Banks and Johan Leake were ordered, at the Wetherby Sessions, in January, 161 $\frac{3}{4}$ , both of them to be “stripped naked from the middle upward, and soundly whipped through the town of Wetherby.”<sup>2</sup> In most instances, it would seem, however, that while the man had to pay for the maintenance of the child, the woman was “soundly whipped.”<sup>3</sup>

The liability to maintain an illegitimate child was considered by the magistrates to rest in certain cases on all the relations of the offenders. Thus Christopher Smith, of Alverthorpe, was “bound for the maintaining and providing for of a bastard child of one Thomas Smythes (*sic*) his brother.”<sup>4</sup> Eightpence a week seems to have been considered a sufficient sum to pay towards the maintenance of a child.<sup>5</sup> In some cases it seems that the mother was sent to the house of correction if the cost of the child’s maintenance fell upon the parish.<sup>6</sup> Sometimes the cost of maintenance was thrown almost entirely upon the father, the mother contributing only a trifling sum—in one case twopence a week.<sup>7</sup> “Baby-farming” was not unknown in 1641, for we read of one Robert Ellyott, a yeoman, of Notton, who had put a “base child to nurse, where it is ready to starve for want of necessaries.”<sup>8</sup>

SOLDIERS.—Many of the Orders, of course, relate to military matters, and the maintenance of disabled soldiers. Theoretically, there was no compulsory military service, but such as was incidental to the tenure of land. In accordance with the Statute 21 Hen. VIII, c. 18, John Roberts, yeoman, was in 1639 fined 40s. “for not attending with a musket for the service of the King the musters held at Rotherham by Sir Edward Rodes, and Robert Rockley, Esq.”<sup>9</sup> These two Justices may have acted as deputies for the Lord-Lieutenant of the county, whose duty it was to assemble the local forces.

<sup>1</sup> Page 13.<sup>2</sup> Page 11.<sup>3</sup> Page 16.<sup>4</sup> Page 177.<sup>5</sup> Page 197.<sup>6</sup> Page 200.<sup>7</sup> Page 289.<sup>8</sup> Page 328.<sup>9</sup> Page 113.



The old soldiers so frequently mentioned in these pages were quite a different body from the local militia that was raised by the musters. They were : (a) volunteers ; (b) pressed men. In Mr. Bund's Introduction to the *Worcestershire County Records*,<sup>1</sup> he says that in that county "part of the terms on which those who enlisted voluntarily were engaged were, that if they were wounded or disabled while on foreign service they were entitled to an allowance ; while those who were pressed were entitled to have a weekly allowance made to their wives and families."

An instance of a pension granted apparently to an old volunteer soldier occurs, amongst others, in the case of Thomas Lewis, who had been wounded in the Low Countries, to whom an annual pension was granted in 1614.<sup>2</sup> Another instance is that of Richard Eastborne, a trained soldier, to whom, on account of his having been shot through the arm and lamed "in the late expedition for Scotland," ten shillings was given "as a reward," and such a yearly pension as shall "be thought meet and can be spared."<sup>3</sup>

There are four lists of pensioned soldiers, dated 1638,<sup>4</sup> 1640, 1641, 1642. The most liberal pensions are those paid to Robert Beale and William Withes,<sup>5</sup> viz. £8 apiece. They were probably officers, as certainly was Thomas Lillye, "gent.," and no doubt also was Jeremy Evers, "gent.," who each of them received £6 13s. 4d. per annum. The former at the Sessions at Pontefract held 14th April, 1640, on the strength of a certificate of his "good service done and performed," and in consideration of his being about "to go forward" in the Scotch Expedition, under the command of his colonel, Sir George Wentworth, received from the "Treasurer for hurt soldiers," as a "reward to furnish him in this his intended journey," the sum of £5. The Court also promised "upon his return to take his good service into consideration, and allow him a competent yearly pension for his livelihood hereafter."<sup>6</sup> This Mr. Thomas Lilly, as has been said, seems to have been an officer, for at the same Sessions an Order was made that 40s. allowed by the Justices to one Mallory Normavile, gent., a pensioned soldier, who was about to go on the

<sup>1</sup> Page cxliv.

<sup>2</sup> Page 15.

<sup>3</sup> *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 400.

<sup>4</sup> This 1638 list is printed in vol. v, *Y.A.J.*, p. 375.

<sup>5</sup> The name is erroneously spelled "Witles" on p. 291.

<sup>6</sup> Page 199.



Expedition into Scotland, was to be deposited in Mr. Lilly's hands, to be employed for Normavile's use. The allowance, we are told, was made to the latter, because he was "destitute of apparel and other necessities fitting for his maintenance in the campaign." The pension allowed to this needy gentleman soldier was £4 per annum.

Jeremy Evers, "gentleman," who had a yearly pension of £6 13s. 8d., paid quarterly—as, it appears, all these pensions were paid—for some reason or other had not received half the pension due to him in 1637, but "divers gentlemen of quality" certifying on his behalf "that he is now living and in present health," it was ordered by the Court that he "be restored to his pension, and that the now Treasurer shall pay him his quarter's pay, and so continue the payment until Easter next, and that the Treasurer for the last half-year shall pay him £3 6s. 8d., being due and arrear unto him."<sup>1</sup>

Pensions were not, as a rule, allowed to soldiers who had been pressed outside the Riding. Thus, in 1640, Robert Vicars, a soldier who "brought letters from the Lords of H.M. Right Honourable Council, and also from the Right Honourable the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland [Wentworth, E. of Strafford]," for that he "was not prest out of this West Riding," received "a reward" of 40s., upon his promise that he would "not trouble or move this W.R. for any pension hereafter."<sup>2</sup> A similar case of "a reward" being granted, though no pension was allowed, is met with in the Orders made at Pontefract in 1612, when a soldier, who exhibited letters on his behalf from H.M. Privy Council, requesting the payment "of a yearly salary or pension," had 40s. given to him "in reward towards his charge, as well in travelling into these parts, as in his return homewards."<sup>3</sup> It seems that the Justices considered that there was no sufficient proof offered to show that the claimant "ever went out of this country, either as a prest or voluntary soldier." On his coming home, too, he had not returned to Yorkshire, but had settled in Surrey, and, over and above these considerations, there was the clinching one that "there are as many pensioners here already allowed as the country [*i.e.* county] money will extend to pay."

A pensioned soldier was, it seems, sometimes liable to foreign service, and, in the case of Robert Scott, in 1640, who had been

<sup>1</sup> *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 385.

<sup>2</sup> Page 193.

<sup>3</sup> Page 9.

on "service in the Low Countries, by the space of two years," and whose pension had been "suspended only because of his absence out of the country," it was "Ordered" that the Treasurer should pay £3 arrears due.<sup>1</sup> Sometimes the soldier's pension was suspended because the town or parish to which he belonged would not pay the assessment laid on it towards the *Lame Soldiers' fund*,<sup>2</sup> and it was, at least on one occasion, suspended, because the claimant "abused" the Treasurer.<sup>3</sup>

**ALEHOUSES.**—There are not so many Orders relating to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks as, perhaps, we should expect. The houses for sale of drink were divided into two classes, viz. (1) the ancient Inns for which the occupiers claimed a prescriptive right; (2) the "common ale or tippling houses." These latter had to be licensed by the Justices under the Statute 5 Edw. VI, c. 25. The Orders relate chiefly to those who ventured to sell ale or beer without license. In one case license is suspended for three years on account of the disorderly manner in which the house was conducted.<sup>4</sup> The fine for keeping an unlicensed house was 20s., and was devoted to the relief of the poor.

There are one or two cases of "brewsters" and "tipplers," *i.e.* sellers of beer, selling "contrary to the assize," and keeping "divers persons drinking in their houses upon the Sabbath-day."<sup>5</sup> There is only one case in which a charge, or rather a complaint, of drunkenness is brought, viz. that of Mary Jackson, wife of Thomas Jackson, a Bradford butcher, against her husband, who abused her by blows, "being usually distempered with drink."<sup>6</sup> The information we obtain about the use or abuse of intoxicants is meagre and uninteresting.

As to the number of alehouses in the county, we have information given us in two letters, written by Mr. Robert Benson, the Clerk of the Peace, to Sir Robert Berkley,<sup>7</sup> Judge of Assize. Mr. Benson writes, on May 14th, 1638, thus: "I believe there are about 2,000 alehouse-keepers licensed within the West Riding, and 500 more that brew without license, most of them poor people, which otherwise would fall upon the parish. The country subsists chiefly by the trade of clothing,

<sup>1</sup> Page 193.

<sup>3</sup> Page 387.

<sup>5</sup> Page 41.

<sup>2</sup> Page 387.

<sup>4</sup> Page 108.

<sup>6</sup> Page 278.

<sup>7</sup> Tried by the Parliament for "high treason" in 1643, fined £20,000, and deposed from the judicature. See Clarendon, *History of the Rebellion*.



and the clothiers have their drink from the alehouse-keepers, and scarce one brews his own drink. Their servants drink a kind of small ale, about 3 or 4 quarts a penny." The Clerk of the Peace, about the same time, rendered to Sir Robert Berkley "a more particular certificate of ale-houses licensed by magistrates at several Sessions held since the 28th May, 1637," and raised in his revised return the number of licensed houses to "about 2,500 besides unlicensed."<sup>1</sup>

WAGES.—More meagre still is the information to be gathered from our Sessions Records at this period regarding workmen and their wages. An interesting paper on this subject, written by Mr. H. Heaton, has been printed in the Quarterly Journal of the Royal Economic Society, in June, 1914. The author had access to our West Riding Sessions Records, from which he has made some pertinent extracts. As he writes: "The earliest assessment in existence for the West Riding is dated 1647, but wages lists had been drawn up at least forty years previously." In accordance with a Statute passed in 1603,<sup>2</sup> in "explanation" and extension of that of 1563,<sup>3</sup> the West Riding Justices framed an assessment, and handed it out to the constables to be circulated amongst the employers of labour. This assessment applied not only to farm workers, but also to "any labourers, weavers, spinsters, and workmen or workwomen whatsoever," either working by the day, week, month, or year, or taking work to be done "in great," or according to piece rates. Either, as Mr. Heaton points out, the constables, on receiving the assessment, did not perform their duty, or the clothiers and other employers paid no attention to the assessment. So, in November, 1604, three of the more conscientious magistrates launched, in the form of a warrant, a condemnation "of the many complaints arising betwixt masters and servants . . . . through the negligence of the Chief and Petty Constables, who do not obey the law as they ought to." The constables by this warrant, signed by Sir John Savile, of Howley, Robert Kaye, Esq., of Woodsome, and John Armytage, Esq., of Kirklees, were called upon to amend their ways, and were ordered to bring before some Justice or Justices, within the Wapentake of Agbrigg and Morley, "from time to time, all and every or such Masters and Mistresses, Dames, and Servants,

<sup>1</sup> *State Papers, Domestic*, 1638, p. 661.

<sup>2</sup> 2 (*vulgo primo*, Jas. I), c. 6.

<sup>3</sup> 5 Eliz., c. 4.

or others, which shall condemn or not obey the authority" of the High Constables. This warrant was dated 21st November, 1604, and was followed by a second one, dated 27th December following, signed only by Sir John Savile.<sup>1</sup>

For a period of some forty years we hear nothing more about the assessments of wages, but from an Order made at the Doncaster Sessions in October, 1641,<sup>2</sup> we learn that "the rate of servants' wages" had been made at the previous Easter Sessions, but that the rates which had been fixed were being disregarded, and there was a "general complaint of the inhabitants of these parts that servants refuse to work for reasonable wages, and cannot be hired for competent allowance as formerly, making advantage of the much business of the times." The Justices ordered the constables to make a full and thorough proclamation of the rates, and of the penalties for disobedience, and they were charged to apprehend "such persons as shall be found refractory in not observing thereof, either master or servant."

It is of interest to notice that the assessment made at Easter, 1641, is not entered in the Sessions Order Book, and no mention is made in the report of the Sessions held at that date of any such wage list being even considered. The assessment was issued and proclaimed at the Statute Hirings and various market towns, but was not entered in the official report of the proceedings of the Sessions. "Obviously," to quote Mr. Heaton, "it was not customary to make a note of every occasion on which assessments were issued. . . . If no revision was deemed necessary, last year's assessment was confirmed and reissued, no entry being made in the Sessions Order Book." Not until 1647 do we find in the Order Books a "Proclamation of the Rates and appointment of the several wages for artificers, handy craftsmen, etc." As this date is beyond the limits of this publication of ours it would not be proper to do more than merely refer to the document for the guidance of those who are interested in the subject of "work and wages."

The Order is of interest, made at the Pontefract Sessions, 1638,<sup>3</sup> *re* the non-payment of wages by Mr. Lionel Copley, who refused to pay to certain poor men "their several wages to

<sup>1</sup> The text of these two warrants is to be found in Smith's *Old Yorkshire*, vol. ii, pp. 41, 42.

<sup>2</sup> Page 333.

<sup>3</sup> *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 372.



them due for carrying and leading of charcoal, according to his own agreement, and to restore the poor men their tallies of the coal led to him." It is to be noticed that the Court claimed in this case its competency to deal with questions of wages by virtue of the Statute of 3 Eliz. Another interesting Order is that made at the Spring Sessions, at Pontefract, in 1641, in the case of an executor, who kept back £20 due to poor people employed in harvest work, though he had lavishly spent £50 in funeral expenses. The Court rightly held that "the non-payment did much touch and trench upon the honour and credit" of the late Sir Francis Foljambe, Bart., deceased.<sup>1</sup>

PURVEYANCE.—The ancient right of the King to be provided with victuals, carriages, etc., on his royal progresses or marches, or for the provisioning of his castles, etc., was restricted by Magna Carta, which enjoined that no sheriff or bailiff should take the carts or horses of any free man for purposes of carriage, except with that free man's consent, and that no timber should be taken from any man's wood, save by leave of the owner of the wood.<sup>2</sup> As the late Bishop Stubbs writes,<sup>3</sup> "the prerogative of purveyance included, besides the right of pre-emption of victuals, the compulsory use of horses and carts, and even the enforcement of personal labour. In the midst of ploughing or harvest the husbandman was liable to be called on to work and to lend his horses for the service of the Court, or of any servant of the King who had sufficient personal influence to enable him to use the King's name." . . . "Wherever the King or the Court went . . . there went a crowd of purveyors, taking the provisions of the husbandman or demanding his services, and paying either at nominal prices or not at all. Every old woman trembled for her poultry, the Archbishop in his palace trembled for his household and stud, until the King had gone by." Thus Stubbs writes regarding purveyance in the reigns of the first three Edwards, and, in spite of frequent efforts of the legislature, the evil was almost as rampant in the days of Charles I. Several instances occur in our Sessions books. The first reference to the subject is met with at the Sessions at Pontefract, in 1638.<sup>4</sup> We learn that at these

<sup>1</sup> Of Watton and Aldwarke. Died at Bath, 17 Dec., 1640.

<sup>2</sup> Magna Carta, 30 and 31.

<sup>3</sup> *Constitutional History*, vol. ii, p. 537.

<sup>4</sup> *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 373.

Sessions one William Grosvenor, gent., "the King's Purveyor," complained that the amount allowed to him by the county, "notwithstanding the increase he hath [had] lately," for providing oxen was insufficient, because the said oxen, "by reason of the scarcity of fodder grass these dry summers," were of "unreasonable price." The Court considered his case, and decided to allow the royal purveyor the sum of 6s. 8d. an ox, amounting in the whole to £15 13s. 4d., to be estreated upon the whole West Riding. This 6s. 8d. was extra to the price previously granted for each ox. The sum allowed, nine months later, to Mr. Thomas Westby, who took Grosvenor's place, was, we find, £9 for every ox delivered to His Majesty's use.<sup>1</sup> It would appear from the first entry quoted that 47 oxen were provided by the county yearly, at a cost of something like £423. If money is taken at four times its present value, there must have been a charge upon the county for oxen alone of £1,692. It may be, therefore, understood that purveyance was a very real burden on the county. It was abolished in 1660, at the Restoration, with the other feudal rights of the Crown, in return for the excise, by the Statute, 12 Chas. II, c. 24, s. 12.

We find complaints made by various people regarding the non-payment to them of remuneration for their labour, when "employed for his Majesty's service of carriages with team and cart,"<sup>2</sup> or in helping "to remove his Highness household."

Most of these cases are connected with the Expedition to Scotland, when the King marched with great show of pomp towards Berwick against the Scots. The inhabitants of Doncaster, it appears, had "disbursed in that service," *i.e.* in "conveying His Majesty's carriages" on this Expedition, the sum of £33 5s. 8d. At the Barnsley Sessions, in January, 1640-1, it was ordered that this sum should be divided into six parts, Doncaster paying £5, Strafforth and Tickhill Wapentake £5, Staincross and Osgoldcross £5; and £18 5s. 8d. should be estreated on Strafforth and Tickhill, and paid to Doncaster.

KILLING MEAT IN LENT and on fast days, to which already some reference has been made, was illegal, but the objection to doing so was not a theological one, but was based on the idea of encouraging sailors, and so indirectly benefiting the navy, by the larger consumption of fish. If a person sold flesh, or

<sup>1</sup> *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 386.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 395.



had flesh in his house on fast days, he was liable to indictment. Dispensations were, however, granted in favour of the sick. Thus, among the Orders made at Wakefield on the 14th January, 1640-1, we find that it was "conceived and thought fit" that William Cawthorne and others might "kill and dress veals and other provision of flesh meats, accustomed for sick and weak people."<sup>1</sup>

THE PLAGUE.—I have already referred to Mr. S. J. Chadwick's excellent article on the "Plague in Yorkshire," published in vol. xv of our Association's *Journal*.<sup>2</sup> The references in the records with which we are dealing may be taken as supplementary to that article. Mr. Chadwick's first quotations from the Sessions Records about the plague in Yorkshire are dated 1645, with the exception of one relating to Thorne, dated 1632. He had not the opportunity, he tells us, of consulting the original Orders relating to the subject at Wakefield, and had to be content with extracts from one of the Fairfax MSS. The first reference to the plague in the Sessions books occurs among the Orders made at Barnsley, 9th July, 1638, by one of which it was sought to restrain sellers of ale and beer, who offered liquid refreshment for sale "in the open street to passengers and travellers, travelling on the high road between Doncaster and Wentbrigg, to the great danger of infecting the inhabitants there with the contagion of the plague now in this dangerous time of sickness and visitation, because they entertain and discourse with all manner of passengers and travellers, wanderers and idle beggars."<sup>3</sup>

The next reference to the plague is in April, 1639, but it, probably, is connected with a visitation that occurred the previous year, 1638, at Trumfleet, a hamlet in the township of Kirk-Sandal. The people of that hamlet claimed the right to relieve their own poor, as they had done "heretofore" in the time "of the sickness of the plague" without the aid of the rest of the Kirk-Sandal parish inhabitants.<sup>4</sup>

In 1640-1 the plague seems to have been very severe at Dewsbury, and the Justices, in January, were "informed that it hath pleased God to visit the inhabitants there, for the space of several months, with a heavy visitation thereof." The contagion still continued in some places there, and the trade and

<sup>1</sup> Page 263.

<sup>3</sup> Page 77. *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 376.

<sup>2</sup> *Y.A.J.*, vol. xv, pp. 434-475.

<sup>4</sup> Page 141. *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 390.



commerce of the inhabitants had "so much decayed, and the poor so exceedingly increased, that about two hundred and seventy and odd persons" had "to receive weekly allowance and relief." This "charge and burthen" could no longer be supported "without the charitable assistance of the neighbouring parts."<sup>1</sup> The Justices, in relief of Dewsbury, Ordered that £76 3s. 4d. should be estreated on the Wapentake of Agbrigg and Morley, while towns within five miles of Dewsbury were to contribute £23 16s. 8d., making up a total of £100, and, moreover, they Ordered that the sum of £100 more should be estreated on the whole of the Riding. They also Ordered that "a strong watch should be kept about the house of John Dawson, in Dewsbury, which is now infected, that no person escape out of the same, or go abroad, without license" from Sir William Savile, or Mr. John Kay, who were appointed to distribute the relief fund. These two Justices were instructed, moreover, "to nominate some able and sufficient inhabitants of the places nearest to the said town of Dewsbury . . . to view the infected houses and those people which are restrained, and make certificate to them what person or persons they conceive and think fit may have their liberty and go abroad." Sir W. Savile and Mr. Kay might on such certificate "give liberty unto the said persons to go abroad, and follow their commerce and trading, that the country's money may not be wastefully mispended, and those inhabitants, which are free from the infection, restrained of their much desired liberty."

The power to assess and tax places within a circuit of five miles of an infected town was given by Statute 2 (*vulgo* 1) Jas. I, c. 31.<sup>2</sup>

In the following May, 1641, this Order was varied by the Justices, "because it hath pleased God to free the inhabitants of Dewsbury of that contagious sickness," *i.e.* the plague. Sir John Savile and Mr. Kay, having some of the relief fund in their hands still unpaid away, were instructed to distribute the money amongst the poorest sort of people at Dewsbury, as they should think fit. Some of the inhabitants within five miles of that place, it seems, had refused to pay their assessments, alleging that they were not within the prescribed five miles. So Mr. John Kay and Mr. Abraham Sunderland, two of the Justices, were appointed to look into the matter and make the

<sup>1</sup> Page 260 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> See note, *Y.A.J.*, vol. xv, p. 437.

recalcitrant folk pay, or otherwise, as the case might be. Leeds Corporation were also to be exempted, they having refused to pay toward the estreat of £100 laid upon the West Riding because they alleged they were "lately charged with the relief of their own visited people, and no way chargeable unto the said West Riding."<sup>1</sup>

An illustration of the method of dealing with infected houses and their occupants is to be found among the Orders at the Autumn Sessions of 1641. A widow living at Hipperholme had been stricken by the plague, but she informed the Court that she had "continued safe from that dangerous contagion by the space of fifteen weeks." During the time she had been "restrained," she had out of her own pocket maintained her children and servants, and had agreed with a person "to cleanse her house" for the sum of £7. Altogether, she had spent £30. The Justices ordered that the house should be kept shut, but that the widow and children might "employ themselves abroad about their affairs," not entering their house until license should be given them to do so by two magistrates residing in the district. An allowance of money in recompense for her charges and expenses was also ordered to be made to the said widow.<sup>2</sup>

At the same Autumn Sessions, 1641, an Order was made for the relief of the townships of Hipperholme, Shelf, and Clifton, infected with the plague, at the charges of the whole West Riding. For this object an assessment of £200 was laid.<sup>3</sup>

At the following Winter Sessions, 1641-2, complaint having been made that certain houses at Thornhill, in the township of Clifton, had not been disinfected, it was Ordered that the Constable of Clifton, with the assistance of some of the inhabitants, might be at liberty to burn the goods left in such houses.<sup>4</sup>

At the Spring Sessions, 1642, a balance left over from the Dewsbury Plague Relief Fund was ordered to be distributed amongst "the poor, visited and infected people of Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse, Shelf, and Clifton," in addition to the sum of £200 previously "rated and assessed upon the West Riding."

ASSESSMENTS AND RATES.—An article on "The Book of Rates for the West Riding," by the late Mr. Fairless Barber, was published in the first volume of our *Journal*.<sup>5</sup> The "Book of Rates" had been compiled in the 44th Eliz., in pursuance of

<sup>1</sup> Page 286.

<sup>3</sup> Page 328.

<sup>5</sup> See *Y.A.J.*, vol. i, p. 153.

<sup>2</sup> Page 324.

<sup>4</sup> Page 350.



a resolution passed at Leeds Sessions on the 14th April of that year. As the late Mr. Fairless Barber suggests in his article on this "Book of Rates,"<sup>1</sup> the Justices, in compiling it, "would no doubt be guided by what had previously been done in reference to rating, for there is nothing to show that this was a new assessment." As also, he surmised, the basis of the county rate assuredly was originally the bovat or oxgang, which, we find, was "a possible method of assessing even township rates so recently as 1672." At the period with which the Sessions Records under present consideration deal, there were three methods at least in existence of rating parishes or townships, in some cases two or even three of these methods being employed in the same district: (a) Assessment according to oxgangs of lands occupied, often described in the Orders as "an ancient custom"; (b) assessments by "acre-tale," *i.e.* by the quantity and quality of the acres occupied; (c) assessment by "noble rent," *i.e.* so much on each "noble" (6s. 8d.) worth of rent that the lands could be let at, and in some cases and places—unlike to-day's usage—rates were levied on the personal estate of the inhabitants.

The assessment by the oxgang was, in the days of Charles I, rapidly giving way and being abandoned. An instance of this occurs in the case of Swinden, in the parish of Gisburn.<sup>2</sup> At the Sessions held at Skipton, 9th July, 1640, Thomas Clerke and other inhabitants of that hamlet complained that whereas they were assessed on the "rents of their lands" (by noble rent?), others of the inhabitants were assessed "by the rate of oxgangs," the lands of these latter "being far better value than those assessed by rent." The Court Ordered that the assessments were in future to be made "according to quantity and quality of acres every one occupieth and enjoyeth," and that the said custom of assessment by oxgang "shall be dissolved and overthrown."

In the case of South Milford,<sup>3</sup> it was Ordered at the Sessions held at Pontefract, 23rd April, 1639, that on the refusal of Sir F. Foljambe to pay the lays and assessments on his lands at Steeton, "the ancient custom to make the assessments there according to their oxgangs of land," should be "observed if it be not broken," otherwise an assessment should be made "according to the quantity and quality of the lands, at the

<sup>1</sup> *Y.A.J.*, vol. i, p. 159.

<sup>2</sup> Page 212.

<sup>3</sup> Page 128. *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 389.



discretion of eight of the discreetest and honestest of the inhabitants of South Milford."

At the Spring Sessions, 1641, an Order was made relating to the assessment of the township of Crofton.<sup>1</sup> Some of the inhabitants alleged and stood upon "an auncient custom" to lay their assessments according to their oxgang lands—a custom that the Court deemed "to be unreasonable and very heavy upon the poorer sort of the said inhabitants." The Order directed that in future the assessments should be made according to the quantity and quality of acres every one occupieth and enjoyeth. This Order was conditional on Oswald Shepheard and William Scoley, two of the inhabitants, paying up the arrears of assessments due by them. This they did not do, and the Justices subsequently revoked the Order, and a return was to be made to the ancient oxgang custom.

Assessment by "acre tale," as it was called—*i.e.* by the acreage and quality of the lands held—seems to have largely superseded the old oxgang assessment at this time, and also that form of assessment which was entitled assessment by "noble rent."

It may, perhaps, be interesting to refer to some instances of the "noble rent" method. At the Winter Sessions at Barnsley, 1640-1, "the poorer and unabler sort of the inhabitants of Kimberworth" informed the Court that "their constable lays, being laid and assessed by 'noble rent,' they were much oppressed, and the ablest freeholders and farmers eased, so that they pay the least assessments," and it was Ordered that "a lay should be made for H.M. service according to the quantity and quality of acres" occupied. In the case<sup>2</sup> of a dispute in 1639, regarding the assessments made in Adel-with-Eccup, it was alleged by one of the parties that it had been the custom, time out of mind, for the assessments "to be made according to a custom of 2*d.* at every noble rent." The Justices conceived it fit that this dispute about custom should be tried at law, it not being "within the cognisance of this Court to determine."<sup>3</sup> The complainants, who were to be proceeded against, were non-residents in the township, both of them being described as of Halifax. Did they, on this account, consider that their assessments should be less than those of residents in Adel-with-Eccup? It would almost seem so, judging by a similar controversy that arose in Smeaton, where, we are told,

<sup>1</sup> Page 283.

<sup>2</sup> Page 270.

<sup>3</sup> Page 176.

“by an ancient custom,” the inhabitants had paid their lays and assessments by “noble rent,” and “now divers of them do refuse to pay; reason there is (*sic*) divers men living in other towns having and occupying much ground within that constabulary, who pay nothing according to their ancient custom.” The latter were Ordered “to be assessed by four inhabitants there, according to the quantity and quality of their acres, etc., preserving still their old and ancient custom.<sup>1</sup> In this case, as in others, we see two different methods of assessment sanctioned in one and the same place; assessment by “noble rent” for residents and by “acre tale” for non-residents.

In regard to the most usual method of assessment at this period, viz. that by “acre tale”—by the quantity and quality of acres occupied—in regard to “quality” we have several specimens in our records of the manner in which different descriptions of land were assessed. At Burghwallis, in 1639, for example, meadow and pasture ground was assessed at 10s. an acre, arable land 3s. 4d.—and rated at 1½d. and ½d. an acre; Mr. Philip Anne’s woods to pay 6d. at every lay. The acreage of these woods is not given, but as Mr. Anne was a papist, he would probably not have been at all under-rated.<sup>2</sup> At Todwick, in the same year, “according to the quantity of acres he enjoyeth,” every one was to be assessed after the rate of ½d. an acre for their “best lands, and a farthing an acre the worse.”<sup>3</sup> At Campsall, in the same year, meadow land was rated at 2d. an acre, pasture being enclosed ground 1d., arable ½d., and some barren ground there, though it be ploughed, a farthing an acre.<sup>4</sup> Wetherby seems to have had a peculiar custom of assessing “husbandries,” *i.e.* tillage farms at 16d. each lay; “grass-houses,” *i.e.* grass farms, 8d.; and cottages 4d.<sup>5</sup> What acreage of ground went with these three classes of holdings we are not informed; but perhaps the assessment was really based on the old oxgang system.

Besides assessments made on the oxgang, noble rent, and acre tale principles, personal estate was also liable to be assessed and rated. The capitalist did not escape the rate-collector. The case of Mrs. Buckley, of Barnsley, is instructive. This lady, in 1639, at the Autumn Sessions, having complained that she had had to pay divers constable lays for certain lands in

<sup>1</sup> Page 142. *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 392.

<sup>4</sup> Page 127.

<sup>2</sup> Page 142. *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 392.

<sup>5</sup> Page 167. *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 400.

<sup>3</sup> Page 129.



Barnsley occupied by her tenants, for which both she and her tenants were assessed, the Court Ordered that, in future, she should only be assessed for such lands as were in her own occupation.<sup>1</sup> The people of Barnsley, however, employed counsel to advocate their cause against Mrs. Buckley, and the said counsel made it appear to the Justices, at the next Sessions, that "the said Mrs. B. hath a great and valuable estate in *goods* for which she should be assessed, most of her lands being in the hands of tenants, for which they are not assessed." It was Ordered that Mrs. B. shall hereafter be assessed according to her personal estate, which is affirmed to be of great value, and that all assessments in arrear and due be further paid by her.

The rating of personalty is also illustrated in the case of Cudworth, regarding which township it was Ordered that assessments should be made, according to quantity and quality, by acre tale, and that such as had personal estates, over and above their lands, should "have an addition made, according to their personal estates, in esteem over and above the true value of their lands."<sup>2</sup>

In some places rates were laid on the inhabitants in proportion to the number of cattle that they pastured on the commons. This custom does not, at any rate, at this period of history, appear to have worked very equitably. In 1639, the inhabitants of Barnbrough, or some of them, complained at the Spring Sessions at Pontefract that "usually all lays and assessments, which have been formerly made within that parish, have been laid and taxed according to the number of cattle which every inhabitant and parishioner did yearly put to their commons there, so that many of the richer sort having enclosed grounds to put their cattle to, are thereby freed, and the poorer sort oppressed." An Order was made that the method of assessment by quantity and quality of acres (acre tale) should be adopted. This Order was, however, varied at subsequent Sessions, when it was decided that "every commonable beast should pay 4*d.*," six sheep pay 4*d.*, and that meadows should be rated at 2*d.* an acre, and arable land at 1*d.* an acre, "and that the said assessment shall be made when there is most cattle depasturing there."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Page 163. *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 405.

<sup>3</sup> See *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 393.

<sup>2</sup> Page 115. *Y.A.J.*, vol. v, p. 385.



At Stanley, as elsewhere, it appears that rates were levied both on land and personal estate, "except the stock which maintains his [*i.e.* the ratepayer's] husbandry."<sup>1</sup>

In Cudworth, the commons were not, it would appear, originally assessed and rated, but at the Barnsley Sessions in January, 1640-1, not only were assessments to be laid according to quantity and quality of lands, but all those who made profit of the commons or kept any goods [*i.e.* cattle] there were to be rated and assessed "according to the goods they have depasturing and commoning upon the wastes and commons there, over and above the quality and quantity of their lands."<sup>2</sup>

The increased value obtained by enclosing portions of the open fields, which, even prior to the passing of any Enclosure Act, was in progress at this period, is illustrated in the case of Dalton,<sup>3</sup> where three acres of enclosed land were assessed as equal to five in the open fields.

For different rates different methods of assessment were sometimes used. We find an Order made in the case of Cudworth<sup>4</sup> that the new method of assessment by quantity and quality of acres was only to apply to the assessment for poor rates.

For assessment purposes towns are often described as "penny towns," "twopenny towns," "tenpenny towns," and so forth, according to the rates leviable upon them in the "Book of Rates." For instance, we find Hampole-cum-Stubbs complaining of its being rated after the rate of a "twopenny town," whereas Langthwaite-cum-Tilts was not rated or assessed at all.<sup>5</sup> In the "Book of Rates," however, both places are set down at one penny.<sup>6</sup> In this "Book of Rates" we note that the rates in the now principal West Riding towns were as follows:—

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Leeds . . .	3	4	Huddersfield . . .	1	5
Wakefield . . .	2	3	Doncaster . . .	1	4
Bradford . . .	1	8	Sheffield . . .	0	9
Halifax . . .	1	7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Rotherham . . .	0	9

The confused and complicated systems (?) of rating naturally caused continual disputes and controversies, some of which were referred for settlement to the Local Star Chamber—the Council in the North. Thus, in 1640, Sir Edward Osborne, Vice-

<sup>1</sup> Page 382.

<sup>3</sup> Page 245.

<sup>5</sup> Page 282.

<sup>2</sup> Page 271.

<sup>4</sup> Page 192.

<sup>6</sup> *Y.A.J.*, vol. i, p. 164.

President of this Council, “examined the differences depending between the inhabitants of Stainforth and Hatfield about the payment of a third part of a new assessment out of the Level unto them of Stainforth.” The Justices “confirm” Sir Edward Osborne’s Order, “as much”—to quote the record—“as in them lieth.”<sup>1</sup> There was also a decree made in 1639 by the Council in the case of George Wilson, of Stainton, who refused to pay the lays legally due by him.<sup>2</sup> Another decree regarding the payment of rates was made in 1641,<sup>3</sup> and in the same year there was a suit depending in the Council, and a decree made by that authority to compel certain inhabitants of Wakefield to pay the local taxes to which they had been assessed.<sup>4</sup>

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.—Several of the Orders relate to the maintenance and oversight of this place of detention. Some account of its history has been given in a book published by the late Mr. Horsfall Turner largely from notes furnished to him by the late Captain Armytage. The references to the House of Correction are meagre, but less so than in our former published volume of Sessions Rolls, wherein no mention whatever of its existence seems to occur.

In 1610 we discover the first reference to this institution. In some notes relating to High Constables,<sup>5</sup> we are told that, upon examination of the accounts of the Riding Treasurers, there was a sum of £265 lying in their hands “towards a House of Correction besides some [money] not accompted yet,” and the Justices were “in good hope that, upon finishing of the High Constables’ accompts, there will remain some good sum of money in some of their hands towards the building” of the said House.

In 1614, at the Wetherby Sessions, held on the 11th January, it is spoken of as “lately erected at Wakefield,” and praised as having been the means of “suppressing the number of sturdy and incorrigible beggars and rogues and other dissolute and disordered persons within this Riding.”<sup>6</sup> Though thus mentioned as “lately erected,” a subsequent entry seems to show that it had only taken the place of a building previously used, for at the Winter Sessions at Wakefield, the following year, the Corporation of Pomfret were inhibited from sending any prisoner to it because they had “not paid toward the purchase of the House of Correction, nor the re-edifying thereof.”<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Page 248.<sup>2</sup> Page 289.<sup>5</sup> Appendix A, p. 395.<sup>7</sup> Page 21.<sup>2</sup> Page 144.<sup>4</sup> Page 309.<sup>6</sup> Page 10.

Twenty-three years pass before we meet in our records with another reference to the House.

At the Spring Sessions of 1638, an account was laid before the Justices by Thomas Somester, gentleman, Master of the same, by which it appears that he had received as salary £60 during the year, had "disbursed in servants' wages, needful provision for prisoners, implements for their work, fire, and carrying of prisoners from Sessions to Sessions, the sum of four score and six pounds, three shillings and four pence," and had "received for prisoners' work the sum of twenty-four pounds," and was consequently 43s. 4d. out of pocket. It was Ordered that his salary should be advanced to £80, to be paid quarterly.<sup>1</sup> At the same Sessions it was Ordered that the sum of £6 13s. 4d. should be estreated upon the whole West Riding, a sum "very needful and necessary to be allowed for the repair and rebuilding of some chimneys and other breaches which was made in the said House [of Correction] by the last great wind."<sup>2</sup>

When, in 1640, Yorkshire mustered her soldiers to resist the Scots, we learn from our records that some of them in passing through Wakefield to Selby, caused considerable damage to the House of Correction, "in breaking the windows of that house, wheels [spinning wheels?], and other implements used there," to the great loss of Mr. Thomas Somester, the Master and governor of the said House. The Court Ordered that 15 shillings should be paid to the Master towards the repair of the buildings and "new furnishing of such implements as shall be necessary."<sup>3</sup>

Felons were sometimes committed to the House of Correction pending the Assizes at York, but this seems to have been done only in very exceptional cases.<sup>4</sup> A specimen of a committal order to the Wakefield prison will be found on page 270.

At the Spring Sessions, 1641, Mr. Thomas Somester, the Master, having attained the ripe age of four score years and upwards, and therefore not able to travel and attend upon the Court, the Justices appointed John Somester, his son, in his father's room, and this appointment, we are told, was made in consideration of the father's good services rendered.<sup>5</sup>

The House of Correction at Wakefield served evidently not only as a place for the "suppression of sturdy, incorrigible

<sup>1</sup> Page 68. *Y.A.J.*, v, 374.

<sup>3</sup> Page 230.

<sup>5</sup> Page 278.

<sup>2</sup> Page 68. *Y.A.J.*, v, 373.

<sup>4</sup> Page 270.



“beggars and rogues,” but also as a gaol to which were committed those who were awaiting trial at the Sessions, and convicted misdemeanants. Those felons, however, who were liable to suffer capital punishment seem to have been generally committed to York Castle.

I must confess that I find it difficult to determine the principle—if principle there were—which determined the committal by the Justices of those days of a prisoner to York Castle rather than to Wakefield or *vice versa*. Certainly persons suspected or apprehended for felonies were committed to the Wakefield House of Correction to await trial at the Sessions. This is proved, if proof be necessary, by the two following cases which appear not only in an old Constable’s Book of Accounts, belonging to the township of Sowerby, near Halifax, but also in our Sessions Records. In the latter, at the Spring Sessions at Pontefract in 1638, we read<sup>1</sup> that John Carter, of Soyland [in Sowerby township], was presented for stealing, on the 22nd March previously, one ewe sheep, value 6s., the property of John Mitchell. James Stansfeld, the Constable of Sowerby, in his accounts has these interesting items, one of which shows that Carter had been committed to the House of Correction to await his trial:—

	£	s.	d.
“ March 20th, [1637–8]. To two men for watching John Carter all night . . . . .	0	1	2
<i>Item.</i> Spent on the prisoner that night and those that watched him. . . . .	0	0	6
March 21st. For two men carrying him before Mr. Ramsden, [J.P.], and thence to Mr. Thornhill, [J.P.], and spent the day on the prisoner and those that went with him in keeping him till the afternoon. . . . .	0	2	0
<i>Item.</i> To two men for carrying the said Carter to the House of Correction . . . . .	0	4	0
<i>Item.</i> Given to the said Carter to bear his charges . . .	0	0	6

Again, at the Michaelmas Sessions, 1638, at Halifax, we find that Jane Sladen, of Sowerby, widow, and Edward Sladen, of the same, labourer, were indicted for stealing there, on 20th August, 30 sheaves of barley, value 2s. 4d., the property of Robert Crosley. Turning to the Constable of Sowerby’s accounts, we read:—

<sup>1</sup> Page 57.

	£	s.	d.
On 22nd [Aug.] spent in carrying Sladen lad and his sister to the Ewood [Justice Farrer's] and spent on them at Sowerby . . . . .	0	0	8
<i>Item.</i> In watching them all night with their mother at my own house . . . . .	0	0	6
<i>Item.</i> For meat and drink for them all three . . . . .	0	0	9
<i>Item.</i> In the morning to two men for carrying the wife and lad to the House of Correction . . . . .	0	4	0
<i>Item.</i> Spent of them on the way . . . . .	0	0	6

The distinction between cases sent by the Justices to York Castle to be tried at the Assizes and those sent to the House of Correction to await the Sessions, is, as these illustrations sufficiently show, difficult to define. Sir James Fitzjames Stephen in his *History of the Criminal Law*, writes: "The jurisdiction of the Court of Quarter Sessions extended nominally to all felonies, and indeed to all crimes except treason, subject only to the condition that, in cases of difficulty, a judge of the superior courts ought to be present." He adds that all through the sixteenth century the Justices did, in fact, sentence to death large numbers of people, who were executed upon their sentence . . . . but they seem to have confined themselves principally to cases of theft and the like. Doubtless, as regards the seventeenth century, the latter statement—that they confined themselves principally to cases of theft, etc.—would be even more likely to be the case than in the preceding century. In regard to capital punishment, the only three instances of hanging recorded in this volume seem to show that the prisoners were committed to York Castle and tried at the Assizes on the indictments laid against them at the Sessions of the Justices.<sup>1</sup> In the first of these cases we are distinctly told that the culprit for stealing a mare "was committed to York Castle, and there found guilty, and hanged by the neck."

In concluding these remarks anent the House of Correction, it may be, in passing, recorded that Mr. John Somester, the Master of that House, was "for his inabilities and disaffection to the Parliament, discharged" from his office at the Sessions held at Pontefract in July, 1647, but restored thereto in 1661, after the Restoration.

A few words may be desirable in regard to committals to York Castle. Not all these committals were committals of

<sup>1</sup> Pages 53, 170.

prisoners to be tried at the Assizes. Among others, alehouse-keepers who refused to enter "bond with good sureties" to appear at the next Quarter Sessions were liable to be sent to York Castle, and there to remain in gaol for the space of three days, "without bail or mainprize," and continue in gaol there until they entered bond for their appearance at the following General Sessions, pay 20s. fine to His Majesty's use, and also enter bond, with good sureties, no more to keep an ale-house until they shall be thereunto licensed.<sup>1</sup>

Hunting and chasing deer was an offence for which we find persons committed to York. The term of detention was three months, and sureties were to be found for their good behaviour for seven years to come, or else they were to continue in the gaol.<sup>2</sup> Damages had also to be paid to the aggrieved party.

Sometimes in a case of what we should consider a "petty larceny," *e.g.* stealing six pennyworth of linen yarn, the offender was imprisoned in the Castle.<sup>3</sup> In one case a man was committed to York until he paid the balance of a sum of money which he had been arrested on suspicion of stealing, and after he had restored a portion of the said sum.<sup>4</sup> For obtaining goods by false pretences a prisoner was committed to York Castle for one month.<sup>5</sup> For "contemptuously refusing" to pay a fine of £4 10s., imposed upon her by the Justices for "taking and unlawful detaining and keeping £98 10s.," for which she had been indicted and convicted, Elizabeth Dilworth, of Aberford, was committed to His Majesty's prison at York, until she should "satisfy unto His Majesty's use the said sum or otherwise be thence delivered by due course of law."<sup>6</sup>

In 1641, at the Spring Sessions at Pontefract, for refusing to pay his lays and assessments, John Pease, of Great Purston, was sent to York to remain in gaol there until he paid what was due from him.<sup>7</sup>

These and others are samples of cases which were committed to York Castle, some to be tried there at the Assizes for notable felonies, others for temporary punishment until fines imposed by the magistrates were paid, or sureties for good conduct, or for appearance at the Sessions were found.

In addition to York Castle and the House of Correction there was a "Mayor's prison" at Pontefract.<sup>8</sup> This may have

<sup>1</sup> Pages 5, 6, 20.

<sup>4</sup> Page 108. *Y.A.J.*, v, 385.

<sup>7</sup> Page 285.

<sup>2</sup> Pages 33, 76, 329.

<sup>5</sup> Pages 170, 171.

<sup>8</sup> Pages 142, 162.

<sup>3</sup> Page 44.

<sup>6</sup> Page 194.



been the reason why that town declined to contribute, in 1615, towards the cost of erecting the Wakefield House.<sup>1</sup>

Rates were levied on the Riding for the relief of the prisoners, not only in the gaols at York and Wakefield, but even occasionally, at any rate, for those in prison in London. The Sowerby Constables, in their yearly accounts, enter payments to the High Constable for the relief "of the prisoners in the King's Bench and in the Marshalsea," besides of those in York Castle, and at the Wakefield House of Correction. Doubtless, the condition of the prisoners in all these gaols was sad and pitiful in the extreme. It must be added, however, that while there are contributions in the Constables' book every year for the prisoners in Yorkshire, the entries for those in London are few and far between.

BEACONS.—There are several Orders relating to beacons. The first of these was made at Barnsley Sessions, January, 1638-9, when it was considered by the Court desirable that "a fitting sum of money should be forthwith allowed for the providing, watching, and other necessities for beacons, and it was Ordered that an estreat should be made on the Wapentakes of Strafforth and Tickhill, and on Staincross and Osgoldcross for the watching of High Hoyland, Upton, and Clifton beacons.<sup>2</sup> This precaution doubtless was taken in view of the preparations being made for war by the covenanters in Scotland. The King in February began to levy troops against the Scots, and his army and His Majesty himself marched in the spring towards York and Berwick. Already before the 23rd April, 1639, the sum of £11 8s. 1d. had been spent by the High Constables of Osgoldcross in watching their beacons<sup>3</sup>; and we find that towards that same object on the 13th April, 15s. 6d. had been paid by the Constable of Sowerby, as shown by his accounts. The Constable has many references relating to the local soldiers, who it seems left Wakefield on the expedition northwards on April 30th. By the 23rd April the Wapentake of Strafforth and Tickhill had expended £7 13s. 4d. for beacons, and a further grant was made of £6 13s. 4d., and an estreat levied on the Wapentake. Staincross at the same time was estreated for the same purpose the sum of £16 4s. 10d.<sup>4</sup> The Constables of Southowram and North Bierley spent at least 26s. 8d. in watching their beacons in the year 1639.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Page 21.

<sup>2</sup> Page 115. *Y.A.J.*, v, 386.

<sup>3</sup> Page 125.

<sup>4</sup> Page 132.

<sup>5</sup> Page 176.

In August, 1640, we learn that the High Constables of Staincliffe and Ewcross had been charged by warrant from the Vice-President and Council in the North "to fire all the beacons in that Wapentake, and continue the same fired and watched for a certain space." The cost of this watching, etc., was £5 14s.

This warrant from the Council of the North was doubtless due to the alarming fact that the Scots had entered England, Aug. 20th, and taken possession of Newcastle.

There are many, many more matters of interest in these Sessions Records about which notes and commentaries might with profit be made; but this introduction has already run to a greater length than anticipated, and those matters must be left to the reader to discover for himself.

It rests with me now to acknowledge the kind help and assistance I have received from many friendly sources. I have to tender sincere thanks to the Clerks of the Peace and of the County Council, and to the officials—and in particular to Mr. Dronfield—at the County Hall, Wakefield, for permitting the transcription of their valuable records, and the aid they furnished to Mr. E. W. Crossley and myself; to Mr. Crossley for having copied with his own hands the Fairfax MS., and for having indefatigably assisted me in the collation of the transcript with the original records; to Mr. J. W. Clay for compiling indices and furnishing genealogical notes; and to Mr. H. P. Kendall for the loan of his valuable copy of the Sowerby Constables' Accounts. I would also wish to congratulate the copyist, Mr. Cook, on the accurate manner in which he has executed his task. To the magistrates who have generously subscribed to this publication the thanks of the Council and members of our Association are due—

*Grates persolvere dignas*

*Non opis est nostræ.*

From the Editor an apology is owing for the delay that has occurred in the issue of this volume.

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## ERRATA.

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Page 6, note 3. *For* General for the Parliament and father of the great Lord Fairfax *omit* General for the Parliament, *and read* grandfather of the great Lord Fairfax *in place of* father.

Page 32, note 3. *For* son of Sir Thomas Fairfax *read* son of Sir Ferdinando Fairfax.

Page 296, second line from bottom of page. *For* Penniston *read* probably Leviston.

Page 357, line 2. *For* Vaupanie *read* Vanpanie.



QUARTER SESSIONS' RECORDS  
OF THE  
WEST RIDING OF THE COUNTY OF YORK.

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PART I.

Sessions' Orders, 1611-163 $\frac{2}{3}$ .

(Yorkshire Archæological Society's *MS.*, No. M. 3S.)

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PONTEFRACT.

[fol. 129] General Sessions held at, 2 Apr., 9 James (1611), before George Savel,<sup>1</sup> sen., Knt., John Savil<sup>2</sup> of Howley, Knt., Robert Swift,<sup>3</sup> Knt., George Savil,<sup>4</sup> jun., Knt., Robert

<sup>1</sup> Sir George Savile, Knt., of Thornhill, to which he succeeded on the death of Edward Savile, in 1614. He was created a Baronet, 29th June, 1611; High Sheriff, 1613; died 21st March, 1625-6. He married (1) Mary, dau. of George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, by whom he had a son, Sir George, who died in his lifetime; (2) Elizabeth, dau. of Edward Ayscough, Esq., widow of George Savile, Esq., of Stanley, by whom Sir John, ancestor of the Lupset branch.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Savile, Knt., of Howley, son of Sir Robert Savile, illegitimate son of Sir Henry Savile, Knt., of Thornhill, was born about 1555; was M.P. Yorkshire, 1597-1601 and 1603-1627, and created Lord Savile of Pontefract, July, 1628. He was a great rival of Wentworth, Earl of Strafford. He built Howley Hall, and was buried at Batley, 1630, M.I. His son, Thomas, became Earl of Sussex in 1644. The estates ultimately came to the Earl of Cardigan. For some years previous to 1615 Sir John Savile was *Custos Rotulorum* in the West Riding, which, together with his commission of J.P., he resigned in the above year.—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Robert Swift, Knt., of Doncaster and Streetthorpe, was only son of William Swyft, of Rotherham. He was High Sheriff of Yorkshire, 42 Eliz. and 16 James. He died 14 March, 1625, having married (1) Bridget, dau. of Sir Francis Hastings, by whom a son, Sir Edward, who died before his father; and (2) Ursula, dau. of Stephen Barnham, Esq., by whom a son, Barnham, who was created Viscount Carlingford. There is an account of the family in Hunter's *South Yorkshire*.—J.W.C.

<sup>4</sup> Sir George Savile, only son of Sir George Savile, 1st Bart., by his first marriage. He died in the lifetime of his father, having married (1) Sarah, dau. of John Rede; (2) Anne Wentworth, sister of the great Earl of Strafford. He was buried 24th Aug., 1614, at Thornhill, being grandfather of the Marquis of Halifax.—J.W.C.

Mounson,<sup>1</sup> Knt., John Jackson,<sup>2</sup> Knt., Ferdinando Fairfax,<sup>3</sup> Knt., George Chaworth,<sup>4</sup> Knt., Richard Hutton,<sup>5</sup> serjeant-at-law, and other justices.

**Darfeild Bridge.** Whereas the bridge caled Darfeild bridge, scittuate over the river of Dearne, is now fallen into greate ruine and decay for want of repair, and for that the inhabitantes of Darfeild have made suite unto this Court to have some allowance of the Country for and towards the repaire thereof, and for yt it is not certainly knowne at whose charge the same ought to be repaired, ORDERED that Mr Godfrey Rodes<sup>6</sup> and Mr Jasper Blithman,<sup>7</sup> two of y<sup>e</sup> next justices to y<sup>e</sup> said bridge, shall at some convenient leisure [129*d*] make repaire thereunto, and take a vew of the decay thereof, and inquire by some good meanes, if they can, who ought to repaire the same, to thend that upon their certificate, to be returned at y<sup>e</sup> next

<sup>1</sup> Sir Robert Mounson, or Monson, according to the Lincolnshire pedigrees, Harleian Society, would be son of Sir Thomas Monson, of South Carlton. He was knighted at Whitehall 23rd July, 1603; M.P. Lincoln, 1625-6; died 15th Sept., 1638; bur. at North Carlton. His connection with Yorkshire would be by his marriage, 28th Oct., 1602, at Wakefield, with Sarah, dau. of Robert Clayton, of Wakefield, and widow of Thomas Savile, of Wakefield, where she was buried 6 August, 1640.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Jackson, of Edderthorpe and Hickleton (son of Sir John Jackson and Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Savile, of Methley), was Treasurer for Lame Soldiers, and M.P. for Pontefract, 1623. He died 2nd July, 1637, having married (1) Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Francis Thorney; (2) Fienes, dau. of Sir Thomas Waller. His son, Sir John, was created a Baronet, 31st Dec., 1660 (*see Dugdale's Visitation, Contd.*, i, 12).—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Son of Sir Thomas Fairfax, Knt., of Denton and Nun Appleton, who had been created Viscount Fairfax of Cameron in 1627. He succeeded his father in 1640, and became 2nd Lord Fairfax. He took the Parliament side, and became General of the Northern forces. He was buried at Bolton Percy, 15th March, 1647-8. By Mary Sheffield, dau. of the Earl of Mulgrave, he had Thomas, Lord Fairfax, the great Parliamentary General.—J.W.C.

<sup>4</sup> He seems to have been living at Harthill, South Yorkshire, in 1603, having married Gertrude, widow of Anthony Serlby, of Harthill. Sir George Chaworth, probably the same man, was created 4th March, 1627-8, Viscount Chaworth of Armagh, and died in 1646.—J.W.C.

<sup>5</sup> Sir Richard Hutton, Knt., of Hooton-Pagnel and Goldsborough, Serjeant-at-law, and Justice of the Common Pleas, was son of Anthony Hutton, of Penrith. He died 26th Feb., 1638, aged 77; bur. at St. Dunstan's Church, London. His son, Sir Richard, was knighted 17th July, 1625, and was a Colonel in the Royal army (*see Hunter's South Yorkshire*, ii, 143).—J.W.C.

<sup>6</sup> Sir Godfrey Rodes, son of Francis Rodes, Sergeant-at-Law, who bought large estates in Houghton, Hickleton, etc., J.P. 11 Jas. I; knighted 13 July, 1615; died in 1634. He was married four times.—J.W.C.

<sup>7</sup> Jasper Blythman, son of Jasper Blythman, of Monk Bretton, by either Isabel, dau. of Hugh Lacy, of Brearley, or Dorothy, widow of John Denman, was probably bapt. at Halifax, 28 Feb., 1558. He mar. (1) Margaret, dau. of Thomas Wentworth, Esq., of Wentworth Woodhouse, who died s.p.; (2) Judith, dau. of John Hanson, of Woodhouse, Rastrick. He lived some time at Elland Hall, and dying s.p. was buried 26 Feb., 1632-3, at Elland.—J.W.C.



sessions, some good order may be taken for y<sup>e</sup> speedy repaire of the said bridge.<sup>1</sup>

**Docter Bright.** Forasmuch as M<sup>r</sup> Docter Bright,<sup>2</sup> parson of Methley, is non-resident there, and maketh yearely of his parsonage and of y<sup>e</sup> fruits and profits thereof the some of eight scoore pounds, as the churchwardens of that parrish have credibly informed this Court, and for that he refuseth to pay such assessments yearely to the use of the poore there, as the churchwardens and overseers of the same parrish have imposed upon him according to the statute and an order in that behalfe made by M<sup>r</sup> Baron Savile, deceased, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of y<sup>e</sup> poore within the parrish of Methley shall assesse the said M<sup>r</sup> Doct. Bright for his non-residence upon his said parsonage there, according to the fowrtieth part of the full vallue thereof, and then repaire with their assessment to two of the next justices thereunto, to procure a ratification under their hands of y<sup>e</sup> said assessment, and if he refuse [130] to pay such assessments then the said Churchwardens and overseers are to levie the same by distresse, according as by the statute made for releife of the poore is lymited and appoynted.

**High constables' acquittances.** Upon the complaynt of the pettie constables against the high constables for chargeing the Country with payments for their acquittances,<sup>3</sup> ORDERED that no high constable shall take above ij*d.* for an acquittance upon every severall estreate for the particuler some charged upon every townshipp within his office, and yet for bettring of their allowance in regard of their paynes and travell in his Mat<sup>ties</sup> service it is also ordered that they shall have iiij*d.* allowed them for every pound which they shall collect and levie for any cause whatsoever.

**Weights and measures.** For reformacon of weights and measures in these parts, ORDERED that the bailifs of Waikfeild,

<sup>1</sup> By the Statute, 22 Hen. VIII, c. 5, the Justices were empowered to levy a tax for the repair of bridges upon the inhabitants of the district in which these were situate; also "to make collectors of every Hundred, for collection of all such sums of money by them set and taxed." They had, moreover, authority "to name and appoint two surveyors, which shall see every such decayed bridge repaired and amended from time to time, as often as need shall require; to whose hands the said collectors shall pay the said sums of money taxed and by them received."

<sup>2</sup> Timothy Bright, M.D., born probably near Sheffield. He first practised medicine, but abandoned that profession and took orders. In 1591 he became rector of Methley, and in 1594 rector of Barwick-in-Elmete. He is said to have been the inventor of shorthand. He died 1615 (*see Dict. Nat. Biog.* and Colman's *Barwick*).—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> For further information as to high constables' acquittances, *vide* Appendix A, under High Constables.



Leedes, Hallifax and Bradford shall make monethly searches, or oftner if need require, through their severall marketts, for all weights and measures, and if they shall find any [130*d*] disagreeing from the King's standert of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Exchequer, then they are to breake and burne y<sup>e</sup> same, and to take y<sup>e</sup> owners thereof bound to appeare att the next sessions where they are to present them for y<sup>e</sup> same, that such punishment may be inflicted upon them as by the statute in that case made is lymited and appoynted, and the due execucon thereof the said bayliffs are to see performed, and to certifie their proceedings herein att y<sup>e</sup> next sessions as they will answer the contrary at their perills.<sup>1</sup>

**Kirkstall bridge.** Forasmuch as it hath beene found by inquisition taken at this sessions that the stone bridge over y<sup>e</sup> river of Are, caled Kirkstall bridge, which was there lately erected, is altogether ruinate and taken away with y<sup>e</sup> water, soe that his Ma<sup>ties</sup> subjects have no passage over there, but onely by a boate, which is both troublesome and chargeable, for that that the passage there is much frequented and very nesarie for all such as have occasion to travell in those parts, and for that it is found by a Jurie that the same bridge ought to be reedified at the generall charge of the whole W.R., ORDERED that two of the next justices [131] of that place take a vew and survey thereof, and certifie at the next sessions what some of money will build and reedifie a new stone bridge there, to thend that upon their certificate such further order may be taken for the spedy estreateing and leveing of the same as shall be fitting.

**Castleforth bridge.** Upon certificate made unto this Court that y<sup>e</sup> severall allowances made unto Castleforth bridge will not suffice to finish y<sup>e</sup> same, and for y<sup>t</sup> a piller in the northend of the same bridge is fallen into such ruine and decay, as if it be not speedily repared and helped, it will greatly indanger the whole bridge, ORDERED that the summe of xx*li.* shall be allowed for the repaire of the piller and finishing of that bridge, which summe of xx*li.* shall be equally charged upon the wapontakes next adjoyning, in this sort (viz.), Skyrack vij*li.* xs., Barkston vij*li.* xs., and Osgodcrosse v*li.*, which severall summes are to be forth with estreated to the high constables of those three wapontakes, to thend they may speedily levie the same y<sup>t</sup> it may be imployed [131*d*] thereupon with all convenient speed that may be.

<sup>1</sup> See Statute, 11 Hen. VII, c. 4.

**Treasurer in arrears.** For that Tho. Bentley, esq., late one of the Treasurers within this W.R., is in an arreare upon his accompt xiiij*li.* of the Country's money, ORDERED that a warrant *per curiam* shall be awarded to the new Thresurers to distreine and levie the said summe upon his lands in Selby, or elsewhere in these parts, according as by the state (*sic*) is appointed.

**Wombwell laine.** Whereas the laine or hye way called Wombwell, or Ardsley laine, was presented to be very ruynous and in greate decay for want of repaire, and for y<sup>t</sup> it is now found by inquisition at these sessions that the townships of Wombwell and Ardsley have time out of memory of man beene accustomed to repaire the same, and soe ought still to amend the same, and for that George Greene, gent., one of the High constables within the wapontake of Straffurth, hath levied y<sup>e</sup> summe of xx<sup>tie</sup> nobles, (*viz.*), v*li.* of Wombwell and xxxiijs. iiij*d.* of Ardsley, by virtue of an estreate out of this Court, for and towards the amendment of the same laine, ORDERED that the said [132] summe of xx<sup>tie</sup> nobles shall be bestowed upon the reparacon of y<sup>e</sup> same highway, and for that purpose this Court hath nominated the said George Greene, John Cowper, Henry Swinden and Tho. Roades overseers of the work for y<sup>e</sup> repaire of the said highway there, who are to see the said some duly and truely bestowed upon the same ratably, as far as y<sup>e</sup> lymits of either towne doth extend, and according to y<sup>e</sup> trust imposed upon them.

**Alehouse keepers.**<sup>1</sup> Forasmuch as many persons within this W.R. doe contemptuously keepe ale houses without lycence, and, in regard they stand unbound, do not onely keepe greate disorders in their houses, but also do taunt at those that are lycenced and bound and do draw much benifitt from them, therefore for preventing of the same and for repressing of such disorders, ORDERED that the high constables shall from tyme to tyme, within their severall lymits and devitions, dilligently inquire what persons do keepe ale houses without lycence, and so many as shall be found to offend therein the said high constables shall take bond with good suertyes to appeare att y<sup>e</sup> generall quarter sessions [132*d*] of the peace then next after to be holden, there to answer their contempts therein, and if the said alehouse keepers, or any of them, shall refuse to enter such bond as aforesaid that

<sup>1</sup> The Statute, 5 Edw. VI, c. 25, enacted "That none shall be admitted or suffered to keep any common ale-house or tippling-house, but such as shall be thereunto admitted and allowed in the open Sessions of the Peace, or else by two Justices of the Peace, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*."



then the said high constables shall, by vertue hereof, send such of them as shall so refuse to the castle of Yorke, there in gaole and prison to remaine by the space of three dayes without baile or maineprise, and further till they enter bond with good suerties for their appearance att the generall quarter sessions of the peace then next after to be holden within this W.R., there to pay a fine of xxs. to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> use, and to enter good bond no more to keepe alehouses untill they shall be thereunto lawfully lycenced by some of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices within the said W.R.

**Staincliffe and Yewcross.** Upon a variance betwixt the high constables of Staincliffe and Yewcross for y<sup>e</sup> rate and proporcon of their wapontackes in all imposicons, layes and assessments charged upon them, ORDERED that from henceforth in all layes [133] and assessments hereafter to be charged upon them it is now Ordered by this Court, that from henceforth, in all layes and assessments hereafter to be charged upon these two wapontaks for any service whatsoever, the wapontak of Staincliffe shall be charged with two partes, and the wapontack of Yewcrosse and the libertyes of Bolland with a third part of the same layes and assessments, according to the ancient custom used in these wapontaks time out of the memory of man in all taxations there formerly made.

**Ale house keepers in Skipton.** ORDERED that a *supersedias*<sup>1</sup> shall be awarded to y<sup>e</sup> sheriffe to stay y<sup>e</sup> exigent<sup>2</sup> against y<sup>e</sup> alehousekeepers of Scipton, etc., and, in regard many of them are poore and unable to pay due fees, therefore it is ordered that neither the clarke of the peace, nor the clarke of the county, shall take above ijs. vjd. for makeing and allowing of y<sup>e</sup> same *supersedias*.

### PONTEFRACT.

[133d] General Sessions held at, 20 Apr., 10 James (1612), before Thomas Fairfax,<sup>3</sup> Knt., John Savile, Knt.,

<sup>1</sup> " *Supersedeas* is a writ that lies in divers cases, but it is always a command to stay some ordinary proceedings in law which ought otherwise to proceed " (*Les Termes de la Ley*).

<sup>2</sup> " *Exigent* is a writ sued out after a *Capias*, *Alias*, and *Pluries*, in order to outlaw a defendant, if he do not appear. It is directed to the Sheriff to proclaim and call the defendant five County Court days, one after another, requiring him to appear upon pain of outlawry, and to be out of the protection of the King and his laws " (*Jacob's The Common Law*).

<sup>3</sup> Sir Thomas Fairfax, of Denton and Nun Appleton, created Lord Fairfax, 1627; General for the Parliament, and father of the great Lord Fairfax. He died 1 May, 1640.—J.W.C.



John Jackson, Knt., Ferdinando Fairfax, Knt., Richard Hutton, serjeant at law, Thomas Wentworth,<sup>1</sup> esq., Robert Kay,<sup>2</sup> esq., John Stanhope,<sup>3</sup> esq., George Shillito,<sup>4</sup> esq., and other justices.

**Watch and ward for punishment of rogues and beggars.** For so much as it seemeth to this Court by the greate aboundance of wandring rogues and concourse of beggers and strangers, forth of all parts of this and other countys adjoyning, more now of late then att any time heretofore hath beene, that there is a generall neglect of former commandments, and no care had by the pettit (*sic*) constables, nor regard by the housholders, who are injoynd by the statute to bringe every strange wandering begger beging at his house to the constable to be punished and ye paine of forfeiture xs. to thuse of the poore of ye same parrish for every time [134] they do serve or releive any such, and for that this Court is also credibly informed y<sup>t</sup> there be divers within every townshipp and parrish of this ridding, who do usually lodge and interteyne such wandering idle and strainge beggers, ORDERED that every of the said petty constables do forthwith make dilligent search att whose houses, or what places, within their severall townships, constableryes or parrishes, such wandring idle rogueing beggers are lodged, or interteined, and that they give them warning that they do not from henceforth lodge any but such as haveing lycences and passes they shall be appointed by the constable to lodge, and that they certifie some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace within this ridding, before the next sessions, the names of all those who have used, or shall hereafter lodge, any such within their townships, constableries or parrishes, and it is further ordered [134*d*] that the said

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Thomas Wentworth, of Elmsall; if so, he was aged 22 in 1612, and was buried at South Kirkby, 12 Dec., 1650. He married (1) Mary, dau. of Sir William Bambrough, of Howsham; (2) Martha, dau. of Sir Thomas Hays.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> Robert Kay, Esq., of Woodsome, near Huddersfield (son of John Kay, Esq., and Dorothy Mauleverer). Married, 1577, Anne, dau. of John Flower, of Whitwell, co. Rutland. He was buried at Almondbury, 5 Dec., 1620.—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Probably knighted 18 March, 1617; of Stotfold, in the parish of Hooton Pagnell, and younger son of Sir Edward Stanhope, of Grimston. He married, 1593, Mary, dau. of William Hawley, of Stotfold, and was buried at Hooton, 28 Aug., 1627, M.I. From him descended the family at Melwood, co. Linc., which expired 1705.—J.W.C.

<sup>4</sup> Apparently of Heath, near Wakefield, son and heir of Francis, one of the Attorneys of the High Court of the Star Chamber at Westminster. He purchased the lordship of Seacroft, near Leeds, and married Elizabeth, the dau. of Sir Richard Bulkley, of Beaumaris, Knt., and having no family, left her all his lands. The widow married Sir Ralph Hansby, of Tickhill Castle. (*See Cartwright, Chapters of Yorkshire History.*)

pettie constables shall cause a day watch to be usually kept, and a continuall watch man to be hyred at the common charge of the towne, for the staying, turneing back and keepe (*sic*) from them of such wanderinge idle strange beggers, as doe trouble the country and make the people lesse able, and more unwilling, to provide for, and give releife to the poore of their owne parrishes, whome in charity and by the law they ought to provide for and relieve, and his Ma<sup>ties</sup> said Justices would have all men to understand that they are purposed to take some strict course for the punishing of the said constables neglect hereafter, and it is further ordered that the severall high constables of this W.R. shall forthwith convey this order or warrant to the parson, vicar or curate of every parrish within their severall divisions, to thend y<sup>t</sup> at, or after, devine service the same may be read in their churches, and published to all the parrish, to the intent that none may pleade ignorance, or make any excuse, for want of knowledge hereof.

**Feasts and garries.**<sup>1</sup> [135] Whereas divers orders hath beene anciently established in this Court for y<sup>e</sup> suppressing of wakes, feasts, garries, helpales and sundry other such like disordered meetings, heretofore used within this W.R., as well upon the Saboth and holy dayes as upon other dayes in the weeke, whereunto divers vagrants, persons and men of lewde dispossicon, did most usually resort, and there did use carding, diceing, bowling and divers unlawfull gaimes, whereby in this time of dearth and scarcity there is made unreasonable wast and expence of victuall and much excessive drinking, minstrelsie and danceing, commonly used of purpose to draw greate concourse of people together, whereupon did usually follow feighting, quarrelling and divers other disorders, to the breach of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> peace, the greate disoner of God, and the profamacon of the Lord's day, for reformacon and suppresseing whereof IT IS ORDDERED by this Court that from henceforth there shall not be any more such wakes, feastes, garrles (*sic*), helpales or assemblies used or kept within this W.R., neither shall any faire or marketts be kept upon any Saboth day within this W.R., [135*d*] and if it shall happen hereafter that any such wakes, feasts, helpales, faires or meetings shall be kept or holden, contrary to the meaning and intent of this order, that then y<sup>e</sup> constable of every towne where any such disorder shall fall out, with thassistance of his neighbors, shall in quiet

<sup>1</sup> Query from O.F. *guerreier*, to make war, to harry. The original meaning seems to have been arrays or troops, but at this period it appears to have signified a noisy gathering. It is used in a similar sense in the *North Riding Records*, vol. i, p. 50.



maner suppressse and resist the same if he can, and if he cannot so do then forthwith to give notice hereof to some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace next adjoyning to y<sup>e</sup> place where such offence shall be committed, to thend that the partyes soe offending may be bound over to be sevearly punished att the generall quarter sessions of the peace next after to be holden within this W.R., and if any of the said constables shall faile to suppressse the said disorders, or to give informacon of y<sup>e</sup> same, that then every such constable shall for his default therein be greviously amerced, or otherwise so sevearly punished, as the justices in their discrecon shall thinke fitt. And it is further ordered that the cheife constables of every wapontake shall within one moneth next ensueing give notice of this order to the severall petty constables within their divisions, to thintent that publique warning may be given thereof [136] in all churches and chappels and other places where such feasts, garries, meetings or markets have beene heretofore used, to hinder and prevent all such excesse and wastfull provision as shall be made for any such purposes.

**Pension souldiers.**<sup>1</sup> And for that divers pencon souldiers doe complaine pittifully to this Court what extraordinarie charges they are put unto in fetching of their pencons quarterly, by reason they dwell in other countyes farr hence, ORDERED for their ease that if they do appeare att every generall sessions to be holden after the Clause of Easter,<sup>2</sup> and there bring into this Court certificates of their good carriage and behaviors, that then upon fres of attorney and certificates that they are liveing the threasurers shall pay their pencons to such deputyes, or attorneys, as they shall nominate or appoynt.

**A hurt souldier.** Whereas Lawrence Garrett, a hurt souldier, hath brought fres on his behalfe from the Lords of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> most hono<sup>ble</sup> privie Counsell for to have a yearely salary or pension allowed out of this rydeing, according to the statute in that case provided, [136*d*] but for that he can not make proffe that ever he went out of this country, either as a preist or voluntarie souldier, and upon his returne from service did not repaire into these parts, but hath settled himselfe and ever since remained in Surrey, and for that there are as many penconers here already allowed as y<sup>e</sup> country money will extend to pay, so as no pencon can, or is thought fitt, to be granted unto him, ORDERED that the thresurer shall give to y<sup>e</sup> said

<sup>1</sup> See Statute, 35 Eliz., c. 4, and note to *Sessions Rolls*, Record Series, vol. iii, p. 42.

<sup>2</sup> The close of Easter—the Sunday of the Octave.



Garnett (*sic*) xls. in reward toward his charge, as well in traveling in to these parts as in his returne homewards.

**A lame souldier.** Upon fres from the right hon<sup>ble</sup> Jo : Lord Darcy<sup>1</sup> and upon a certificate from divers of the inhabitants of Rotheram of the good carriag of Leonard Martine, a maymed souldier, ORDERED that in regard he was pressed oute of this rydeing, and hath beene a man of good service, that he shall have a pencon of xxs. per annum allowed to him, the first payment to begin att these sessions.

### WETHERBY.

[137] General sessions held at, 11 Jan., 11 James (1613-4), before Henry Goodrick,<sup>2</sup> Knt., Ferdinando Fairfax, Knt., Richard Hutton, serjeant at law, and Peter Watson, esq., justices.

**Poor people.** Forasmuch as it is found by experience that the house of Correction, lately erected att Wakefeild, hath much suppressed the number of sturdie and incorrigible beggers and rogues and other dissolute and disordered persons within this ridding, and for that the number of impotent beggers, men, women, and children have of late by the negligences and remisnes of y<sup>e</sup> pettie constables beene suffred to wander abroad throw this ridding without any restraint, whereby the number of them is much increased, and for that y<sup>e</sup> churchwardens and overseers of the poore in their severall parrishes do neglect to see their poore releived accordin to y<sup>e</sup> statute, for reformacon wherof, IT IS ORDERED by this Court that the constables, churchwardens, and overseers of the poore throughout this ridding shall forthwith take order for the releife of their poore within their severall parrishes, according to y<sup>e</sup> said statute, that they be not enforsed to wander abroad for want of releife, and for the better restraineing of all wanderers and foraine beggers, it is further ordred that every constable within this ridding shall from henceforth cause day watch to be duly kept within every of their severall town-

<sup>1</sup> John, Lord Darcy and Meinel, son of Michael Darcy, Esq., and Margaret, dau. of Thomas Wentworth, of Wentworth Woodhouse, Esq. He married four times—(1) Rosamond, dau. of Sir Peter Fretchvile; (2) Isabel, dau. of Sir Christopher Wray, Lord Chief Justice; (3) Mary, dau. of Thomas, Lord Falconberg; and (4) Elizabeth, dau. of William West, Esq. Lord Darcy died July, 1635 (Thoresby, *Loidis*).

<sup>2</sup> Sir Henry Goodrick, of Ribston, Knt. (son of Richard Goodrick and Muriel, dau. of Lord Eure), was knighted 1603. He was J.P. and D.L., and Vice-President of the Council of the North. He was born *circ.* 1580, and buried at Ribston, July, 1641, M.I. He married Jane, dau. of Sir John Savile, of Methley.—J.W.C.

ships, to thend that their owne poore may be the better releived and all wandring beggers avoyded, according as by the lawes and statutes of this realme is limitted and appoynted.

**Alehouse keeper.** For that William Bentley of Darley, alehous keeper, hath much abused the constable there, and utterly refused to obey a warrant made by Sir Ferdinando Fairfax, Knt., against him, ORDERED that a warrant *per curiam* shall be awarded against the said Bentley, to commit him to the gaole by the space of three dayes, for keepeing an alehouse without lycence, [138] and further till he shall enter bond with sufficient suerties before some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace for his good behavior and personall appearance att the next generall quarter sessions of the peace to be holden within their ridding, there to answer such matters as y<sup>e</sup> constable of Darley shall object against him on y<sup>e</sup> King's ma<sup>ties</sup> behalfe.

**High Constable of Claro.** Forasmuch as George Lambert, one of the high constables within y<sup>e</sup> wapontake of Claro, is lately deseased, ORDERED that Robert Longe of Ripley shall be high constable there in his place, and shall be presently sworne<sup>1</sup> in Court for the better execucon of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service within that wappentake.

**Alehouse keepers.** Upon letters from the steward of Bolland concerning the greate abuses and disorders mainetaned by alehousekeepers within Sladeburne, ORDERED that a warrant *per curiam* shall be awarded against Edward Jackson, Thomas Wilkinson and Isabell Wilkinson, to discharge them, and every of them, for keeping alehouses any longer, and for as much as William Jackson, Charles Sellers, Henry Willkinson and Mary Carter of Sladburne do keepe alehouses withoute lycence, contrary to y<sup>e</sup> statute, ORDERED that a warrant *per curiam* shall be awarded against them to convey them, and every of them, to y<sup>e</sup> gaole for three [138d] dayes without baile, and further till they enter bond with good suertyes for their personall appearance att the next sessions, there to pay their fines of xxs. a peece to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> use, according to the forme of the statute.

**Bastardy.** For that William Banks of Wetherby hath begotten a base child upon the body of Johan Leake of the same, ORDERED that they shall both be stripped naked from the middle upward and soundly whipped thorow the towne of Wetherby.

**Arrears due to Churchwarden.** Whereas Martin Laycoke was lately one of the churchwardens within the parrish of Spof-

<sup>1</sup> The form of oath taken by the high constable will be found in Appendix A, under High Constables.



forth, and was enforced to pay for the parrish use the summe of xlijs. ijd. of his owne money, over and above his receipts within the said parrish, as he hath made knowne to divers y<sup>e</sup> parrishoners there, and may more fully apeare by his accompt, ORDERED that the churchwardens within y<sup>e</sup> said parrish of Spofforth, that now be, shall with convenient speed make an assessment within the said parrish, and collect y<sup>e</sup> same, and pay the said summe unto the said Martin Laycocke for such money as he hath already disbursed more then his receipts.

**Bastardy.** [139] ORDERED that a warrant *per curiam*, heretofore awarded against Thomas Guyer of Spofforth for begetting a base child upon the body of Jennett Hawkes, shall be renewed, as well against y<sup>e</sup> said Guyer as against Jo : Wright, constable of Spofforth, for refusing to arreast him upon the said former warrant, and because y<sup>e</sup> said Jennett is now present in Court, it is further ordered that she shall be stripped naked from y<sup>e</sup> midle upwards, and presently be soundly whipped through the towne of Wetherby for the same bastardy.

**Killing game.**<sup>1</sup> Forsomuch as it appeareth to this Court, as well by good prooffe as by the confession of Peter Matterson of Dunsforth,<sup>2</sup> that he did of late take and kill a haire with a nett contrary to y<sup>e</sup> statute, ORDERED that y<sup>e</sup> said Peter Matterson shall within tenn dayes following pay a fine of 6s. 8d. to the use of the poore of the parrish of Dunsforth for the same offence, and be presently bound in xx*li*. by recognizance that he shall not hereafter kill any haire with netts, or any other engines, contrary to y<sup>e</sup> statute.

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### PONTEFRACT.

[139d] General sessions held at, 3 May, 12 James (1614), before Richard Gargrave,<sup>3</sup> Knt., Richard Tempest,<sup>4</sup> Knt., Robert Mounson, Knt., John Jackson, Knt.;

<sup>1</sup> See Statute, 13 Ric. II, c. 13.

<sup>2</sup> Dunsforth, in the parish of Aldborough, Upper Division of Claro.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Richard Gargrave was younger son of Sir Cotton Gargrave, and half-brother of Thomas Gargrave, who was executed for murder, whom he succeeded in Nostell, and other large estates. By his extravagance he ruined himself, and everything was sold. He was living in low condition in 1634.—J.W.C.

<sup>4</sup> Sir Richard Tempest, of Bracewell, and Bowling, near Bradford, the former of which estates had been in his family for generations, and the latter of which had come by a Bolling marriage, was son of Robert Tempest and Agnes Pigott. He was an active magistrate for the West Riding, and High Sheriff for Yorkshire, 1621. He died 21 April, 1639, being buried at Bracewell. He married Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Francis Rodes. His only son, Richard, the last of the branch, ruined the family, and died in prison, having been heavily fined by the Parliament.—J.W.C.



John Favour,<sup>1</sup> LL.D., Thomas Wentforth of Elmsall, esq., Robert Kay, esq., William Ramsden,<sup>2</sup> esq., Godfrey Roades, esq., George Shillito, esq., Thomas Mountney,<sup>3</sup> esq., Charles Richard,<sup>4</sup> esq., William West,<sup>5</sup> esq., and Henry Gryce,<sup>6</sup> esq., justices.

**Inmates in Selby.** Whereas divers the inhabitants of Selby have made complaint unto this Court how there are placed in one house, within y<sup>e</sup> said towne of Selby, fower or five famulies, who live there as inmates or under tenants, to the greate overchargeing of y<sup>e</sup> better sorte in releiveing of those inmates or under tenants, to y<sup>e</sup> utter ruin and decay of y<sup>e</sup> said towne, being heretofore a wealthy market towne, and well inhabited with rich men, who do daly leave the said towne and gett themselves into the country, to ease themselves of such weekly assessments as are imposed upon them for and towards the releife of those poore inmates or under tenants, ORDERED [140] that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore within the parrish of Selby shall forthwith make a new assessment for and towards y<sup>e</sup> releife of the poore of that parrish, in which assessment they are to asseesse such persons as have heretofore, or hereafter shall, receive, maintaine or keepe any inmates or under tenants in their homes, tenements or chambers, or any roomes aboute their houseing or tenementes, asmuch in every assessment toward the releife of the same poore as they shall receive yearely of their said inmates or under tennants for their rents, over and besides their former monthly assessments, and iiij*d.* or vj*d.* more by the month, and so continue the same, to thend y<sup>t</sup> the greatest part of the charge of y<sup>e</sup> releife of such inmates or under tennants may ly upon those persons that are receipters of them, untill such time as they shall avoyd them, and for preventing of further charge unto y<sup>e</sup> said inhabitants of Selby it is also ordered that no person or persons shall here-

<sup>1</sup> Vicar of Halifax, 1593-1623 ; LL.D.; Precentor of York and Prebendary of Driffild ; Chaplain to Archbishop Matthew. He married Anne, dau. of the Rev. William Power, B.D., rector of Barwick.

<sup>2</sup> William Ramsden, of Longley Hall, baptised at Almondbury, 27 Aug., 1558 ; had a grant of the manor of Huddersfield, 1599. He died 7 June, 1623 ; from him descends Sir John William Ramsden, Bart.—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Mounteney, Esq., of Wheatley, Barrister-at-law ; J.P.; Treasurer for Lame Soldiers, 7 Jas. I ; buried at Doncaster, 12 Jan., 1615-6.—J.W.C.

<sup>4</sup> Charles Ricard, of Heck, entered his pedigree at the Visitation of 1612. He married Jane dau. of Roger Walpole.—J.W.C.

<sup>5</sup> William West, of Rotherham and Firbeck, son of William West, was an eminent lawyer, who had bought Firbeck. He was aged 14 at the Visitation of 1585. He married Catherine, dau. of Sir Edward Darcy.—J.W.C.

<sup>6</sup> Henry Grice was of an old Wakefield family, which is in the Visitation of 1612.—J.W.C.

after receive or take any stranger or forrener, which doth not there inhabit, into any of his or theire house or houses within the parrish of Selby, which may, or is likly hereafter to become, chargeable unto y<sup>e</sup> said parrishoners, either by reason of the charge of children, or otherwise, unles he, or they, shall first enter good and sufficient security [140*d*] to y<sup>e</sup> churchwardens and overseers of the poore there to discharge y<sup>e</sup> parrishoners of all such burden and charge as may befall them by the entertaining and receipting of any such tenants, forreners and strangers into the said parrish, and if any person or persons shall hereafter doe to the contrary then the churchwardens and overseers are comanded by his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices to complayne themselves to y<sup>e</sup> next justice, and he to take such order therein as in his discrestion shall be thought fitt, or otherwise to present such offenders that they may be proceeded against and punished according to y<sup>e</sup> statute.

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#### KNARESBROUGH.

[141] General sessions held at, 30 Sep., 12 James (1614), before Thomas Fairfax, Knt., Jo: Malory, Knt., Henry Goodrick, Knt., and Richard Hutton, Knt., serjeant at law, justices.

**Burton bridge.** Whereas at y<sup>e</sup> last sessions holden att Skipton it was found by inquisicon that the bridge called Burton<sup>1</sup> bridge, scituate over the river of Greeta, is fallen into greate ruine and decay for want of amendment, and y<sup>t</sup> the same ought to be repaired at the charge of y<sup>e</sup> whole W.R., whereupon it was then ORDERED that M<sup>r</sup> Watson and M<sup>r</sup> Cooke should take a survey of y<sup>e</sup> decayes thereof, and certifie att y<sup>e</sup> next sessions what summe of money would sufice to repaire y<sup>e</sup> same, now for soe much as they have certified this Court under theire hands that y<sup>e</sup> summe of 100 markes, and no lesse, will serve sufficiently to repair y<sup>e</sup> same, ORDERED that the same summe of 100 markes shall be allowed towards y<sup>e</sup> repaire of that bridge, and be proporconably rated upon y<sup>e</sup> particuler wapentakes within this W.R., and to be levied and collected by the severall [141*d*] high constables there, and paid over to y<sup>e</sup> hands of Thomas Cooke, esq., Jo: Banister, gent., Robert Parker, gent., Thomas Yeates and Richard Tatham, who are appoynted by this Court to se the said summe duly and truly imployed upon y<sup>e</sup> repaire of that bridge according to y<sup>e</sup> trust reposed in them.

<sup>1</sup> Burton-in-Lonsdale.



**Lame soldier.** Whereas Thomas Lowis, a ancient souldier in the warrs in y<sup>e</sup> Low country, wherein he hath received divers wounds and hurts, by reason whereof he is unfitt for further service and not able to labour for his liveing, as may appeare by certificate from Sir William Wade,<sup>1</sup> Knt., muster master generall of England, for that the said Thomas Lowis hath also beene recommended unto y<sup>e</sup> justices within this rydding for a yearly pention to be granted unto him by fres from the Lords of his Mat<sup>s</sup> most hono<sup>ble</sup> Privie Counsell, ORDERED y<sup>t</sup> the thresurer within this W.R. shall forthwith give in reward unto y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas Lowis xls. for and towards his maintenance till the next generall quarter sessions of peace to be holden within this ridding after the Clause of Easter next, and then such a yearely pencon to be granted unto him as his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices shall in their discessions thinke requisite.

**Rawthey bridge.** [142] Whereas there was an ancient bridge over y<sup>e</sup> water of Rawthey,<sup>2</sup> which devideth this W.R. from y<sup>e</sup> county of Westmorland, which bridge was heretofore utterly ruined and carried away with y<sup>e</sup> greatnesse of y<sup>e</sup> floods there, whereby divers of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> subjects, to y<sup>e</sup> number of 40 persons, have within a small space beene ther drowned, and many others put in greate perrill of their lives and losse of their goods, and for that it was found by inquisition at Skipton, last sessions, that thone halfe of y<sup>t</sup> bridge was heretofore mainteyned at the charge of the whole W.R., and y<sup>e</sup> other halfe at the charge of the county of Westmerland, whereupon att the said last sessions att Skipton it was ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Watson and M<sup>r</sup> Cooke should take a view thereof, and certifie att these sessions what summe of money will suffice to reedifie and repaire the moyty of the same, and for y<sup>t</sup> certificate hath beene made unto this Court under y<sup>e</sup> hands of Sir James Bellingham,<sup>3</sup> Knt., and Expofer Phillipson, esq., 2 justices within y<sup>e</sup> county of Westmerland, and Peter Watson and Thomas Cooke, esquires, that they have repaired to the place, and taken an exact view thereof, and do find and certifie y<sup>t</sup> the summe of ccli., and no lesse, would be sufficient to build a new bridge there, ORDERED

<sup>1</sup> Probably Sir William Wade, or Waad, born about 1546, who was a diplomatist in Queen Elizabeth's reign, and engaged in bringing plots to light. He was knighted by James I, 1603, and followed the same occupation, being Lieutenant of the Tower. He died 21 Oct., 1623 (*see* his life in the *Dict. Nat. Biog.*).

<sup>2</sup> In the extreme north-west corner of the West Riding, to the north-west of Bow Fell.

<sup>3</sup> Sir James Bellingham, of Heslington, co. Westmorland; knighted by James I, 1603. He married Agnes, dau. of Sir Henry Curwen, and died 1641. His son, Sir Henry, was created a Baronet.—J.W.C.



that 100*li.*, being the one halfe thereof, shall be allowed oute of this W.R. [142*d*] towards the reedifieing of that part of the same bridge which belongeth to this W.R., to be proporconably rated upon the particuler weapontakes within this ridding, and levied and collected by the severall heigh constables, and paid over to y<sup>e</sup> hands of Richard Gidgeswicth, Robert Gidgeswicke, Jo : Corney and John Robinson, who are appoynted overseers of the workes of y<sup>e</sup> said bridge, and to see the same money duly imployed upon the reedifieing of that moiety of y<sup>e</sup> same bridge which is charged upon this W.R.

**North bridge.** Whereas there was a greate summe of money heretofore allowed out of this W.R. towards the repaire of North bridge att Ripon, which by order of this Court was to be paid over by the high constables unto y<sup>e</sup> hands of M<sup>r</sup> Pulleine of Ripon, who was appoynted overseer of the works for the repaire of that bridge, and for that it is made knowne to this Court y<sup>t</sup> the said M<sup>r</sup> Pulleine, according to the trust reposed in him, hath caused y<sup>e</sup> said North bridge to be sufficiently repaired, and hath lade out of his owne money ix*li.* more then came to his hands, whereof it is made knowne to this Court that the summe of vij*li.* xiijs. iiij*d.*, being collected within y<sup>e</sup> weapontake of Claro [143] and else where for that service, was remaining in the hands of George Lambert, deceased, late one of the High constables there, as he in his life time confessed, ORDERED that the executors of y<sup>e</sup> said George Lambert shall forthwith, upon sight hereof, pay and sattisfie unto y<sup>e</sup> said M<sup>r</sup> Puleine the said sume of vij*li.* xiijs. iiij*d.*, without any farther delay, or otherwise the now high constables of Claro are to convey them before some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace to enter recognizance with good suertyes to appeare att the next sessions, to answer their contempts in that behalfe.

**Watch and ward.** For the better releife of the impotent poore within this ridding, and for y<sup>e</sup> restraineing of rogues, vagabonds and forreine beggers out of those parts, ORDERED that watch and ward shall be duly and carfully kept and continued by the petty constables in every particuler townshipp for y<sup>e</sup> whole yeare next coming in such manner as hath beene formerly accustomed.

**Bastardy.** [143*d*] Whereas Thomas Faber and Jane Woodward have comitted that most detestable sinne of fornication, against the lawes both devine and humane, and to the evill example of others, ORDERED that the said Thomas shall, of his owne charge, educate the base child by him begotten of the body of the said Jane, and thereof free and discharge y<sup>e</sup>

parishoners where the same base child was borne, and it is further ordered that y<sup>e</sup> constable of Clint<sup>1</sup> shall convey y<sup>e</sup> said Jane to Ripley, and on a markett day, in y<sup>e</sup> full markett there, shall cause her to be stripped naked from the midle upwards, and be soundly whipped through the towne for her punnishment in that behalfe.

**Wetherby bridge.** Upon informacon of the townesmen of Wetherby of y<sup>e</sup> decay of the pavement of Wetherby bridge, with the continuall travell of cole waines over y<sup>e</sup> same, for amendment whereof it is ORDERED that 20 markes shall be allowed towards the repaire thereof, to be charged and forthwith levied in the weapontaks of Claro, Barkeston and Skiracke, being the three next weapontaks thereunto adjoyning.

**Larceny.** [144] Forasmuch as Anthony Fisher and Margaret Wilson were both convicted att these sessions for petty lacerny (*sic*), by them comitted at Heyshaw<sup>2</sup> within this rideing, ORDERED that they shall be presently whipped here at Knaresbrough, and thence conveyed to Heyshaw, and there whipped also, and then conveyed from constable to constable to Colne, in Lancashire, where they confesse they were borne and last settled.

**Watch and ward.** For that Burrowbridge is a towne scituate on the uttmost border of this W.R. northwards, and for that it is found by experience that the day ward and watch, which hath there beene kept, hath restrained many vagrant and idle persons, which flock out of the north parts into this country under colour of harvest worke, ORDERED that the same day ward and watch shall be still continued and kept there, untill other order be taken by the justices of peace in those parts, or y<sup>e</sup> greatest parte of them, for y<sup>e</sup> discontinuance thereof.

**Apprentice.** [144*d*] Upon the appearance of Edward Oglethorpe of Clint, bound by recognizance for refusing to take Peter Luty, a poore boy of y<sup>e</sup> age of 12 yeares, putt to him as an apprentice by the churchwardens and overseers of y<sup>e</sup> parrish of Ripley, by vertue of the statute, ORDERED that y<sup>e</sup> said Edward shall forthwith take y<sup>e</sup> same boy into his service, and keepe him as apprentice at husbandry, untill he shall come to thage of xxiiij yeares, or otherwise if he shall refuse the same, then y<sup>e</sup> constable of Clint is by vertue hereof to convey him to the castle of Yorke, there to remaine in prison till he shall willingly do the same.

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Ripley.

<sup>2</sup> Probably Hawshaw, a hamlet in the township of Kelbrook, 4½ miles from Colne.



**Bastardy.** Whereas John Benson of Ripon did appeare upon his recognizance att these sessions, to performe such order as the Court should sett downe for the supposed getting of a base child on the body of Jane Batty, and for that the said Benson did openly in Court, upon his corporiall oath, purge himselfe of that crime, directly deposeing that he never had carnall knowledg of her body, and for that she could not directly charge him therewith, because one Tho : Lolly made oath that one (blank) Danyell, as he thought in his conscience, was the reputed father thereof, ORDERED that the said Benson shall be discharged from further attendance in this Court for that cause, and that y<sup>e</sup> said Jane Batty for her impudence and bastardy shall be whipped, both at Spofforth and Knaresbrough, and y<sup>t</sup> she and the parrish of Knaresbrough, where y<sup>e</sup> base child was borne, shall at theire equall charge educate and bringe up the said child, untill it be fitt to be putt apprentice, according to y<sup>e</sup> law.

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#### WAKEFIELD.

4 Oct., 12 James (1614), before John Savil, Robert Munson, Knts., John Favour, LL.D., Thomas Bland, Robert Kay, and William Ramsden, esquires.

**Scold.** Whereas Ann Walker, daughter to John Walker of Slaughthwaite, did in the time of y<sup>e</sup> sessions heare holden, in y<sup>e</sup> open streetes, call one Andrew Shaw 'cuckoe,' for prosecuting a bill of indictment on y<sup>e</sup> Kinges behalfe against her father, ORDERED that the constables of Wakefeild shall cause y<sup>e</sup> said Ann Walker, for her impudent and bold behaviour, to be runge through y<sup>e</sup> towne of Wakefeild with basins before her, as is accustomed for common scowldes.

**Fire.** [145*d*] Whereas Sibill Mawthorpe of Bawtry had her house and goods lately burned and consumed with fire, to her greate losse and utter undoeing, ORDERED that y<sup>e</sup> treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> money collected withing this rideing for hurte and mayhemed souldiers shall give her in releiffe vjs. viij*d*.

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#### PONTEFRACT.<sup>1</sup>

18 Apr., 13 James (1615), before Francis Wortley, Bart., John Savil, Robert Swift, Richard Tempest, Robert

<sup>1</sup> The heading to this Court is entered in the margin of the MS.



Munson, John Jackson, Thomas Wentworth, Knts.,  
Thomas Bland,<sup>1</sup> Thomas Wentworth of Elmsal, etc.

**Bridges.** Forasmuch as by private inquiries, at y<sup>e</sup> devided quarter sessions holding within this W.R., it hath by favour of y<sup>e</sup> juries beene found that divers and sundrie obscure and petty bridges ought to be reedified and repaired at y<sup>e</sup> generall charge of y<sup>e</sup> whole W.R., whereas in truth they were never hertofore soe reedified or repaired, nor ought otherwise to be amended or reedified but in y<sup>e</sup> nature of high wayes, or by some private personns, by meanes whereof the county hath beene much wronged and greatly overcharged, for redresse whereof y<sup>t</sup> is now ORDERED by this Court that noe private inquiries for decayes of bridges shall from henceforth be made att any devided sessions, nor else where, save only att y<sup>e</sup> generall quarter sessions of peace to be yearely holden next after y<sup>e</sup> Clause of Easter, and it is also thought requisite, and so ordered, that y<sup>e</sup> justices in their severall devisions shall take accompts of y<sup>e</sup> particuler overseers of y<sup>e</sup> workes of all late repaired and reedified bridges, and examine how they have disposed of y<sup>e</sup> money collected for y<sup>e</sup> same, and for better effecting thereof y<sup>t</sup> is further ordered y<sup>t</sup> from henceforth [146] the justices of peace, that shall make certificates of y<sup>e</sup> decayes of any bridges, or of such money as they thinke fitt to be allowed thereunto, shall also be suer to take a precise accompt of y<sup>e</sup> surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> same bridges, and certifie y<sup>e</sup> same att y<sup>e</sup> next sessions, and it is also further ordered that the surveyors of all new stone bridges shall from henceforth take the builders thereof bound with good suertyes to uphold those new bridges for 2 or 3 yeares next following after they be new builded or repaired, and to thend that all y<sup>e</sup> bridges within this W.R., that are now fallen into decay, by the last greate floodes, may be advisedly and discretly veiwed, and y<sup>e</sup> ruins and decayes thearof returned unto this Court, with certificates what somes of money will reasonably suffice to repaire y<sup>e</sup> same, to thend y<sup>e</sup> same may speedily be repaired, y<sup>t</sup> is therefore ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Riley of Doncaster and Thomas Bealle of Bentley shall take a survey of all the bridges, with y<sup>e</sup> repaire whereof the whole W.R. is to be charged, within y<sup>e</sup> weapontaks of Straffurth, Stainecrosse, Osgoldcrosse and Barketon, and likewise that Robert Purston and Arthure Wynn shall take a view of all the like

<sup>1</sup> Of Kippax, son of Sir Thomas, of the same place, also J.P. Married Katherine, dau. of Lord Savile of Howley. His son, Sir Thomas, was created a Baronet in consideration of his own and his father's services in the Royal cause. Their descendants in the female line still own Kippax Park.—J.W.C.

bridges within the weapontaks of Agbridge, Morley and Skiracke, and y<sup>t</sup> Robert Towne and Roger Ellis shall likewise survey all the like bridges within y<sup>e</sup> wappontaks of Claro, Staincliffe and Yewcrosse, and certifie at y<sup>e</sup> next sessions y<sup>e</sup> breaches and decayes of y<sup>e</sup> same bridges, and what sommes of money will respectively suffice to repaire y<sup>e</sup> same, to thend that then further order may be taken therein.

### SKIPTON.

[146*d*] General sessions held at, 18 July, 13 James (1615), before Thomas Fairfax, Knt., Stephen Tempest,<sup>1</sup> Knt., Ferdinando Fairfax, Knt., Josiah Lamberte,<sup>2</sup> esq., Thomas Heber,<sup>3</sup> esq., Arthur Lindley,<sup>4</sup> esq., and Peter Watson, esq., justices.

**Alehouse.** Forasmuch as it appeareth unto this Court by good testimony that Thomas Denby of Cooling<sup>5</sup> hath kept a very disordered alehouse withoute lycences, and hath suffred divers disorders and abuses to be daly comitted therein, to the greate disquieting of his neighbours, and against y<sup>e</sup> lawes and statutes of this realme, and against the forme of an order made in open Court here holden the 19 July, 1614, ORDERED that a warrant *per curiam* shall be awarded for y<sup>e</sup> attatching of the body of the said Thomas Denby, and him presently to convey to y<sup>e</sup> castle of Yorke, [147] there in goale and prison to remaine by the space of 3 dayes without baile or maineprise, and further till he pay xxs. fine to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> use, and also enter bond with good suertyes no more to keepe an alehouse or typling house untill he shall be thereunto lycensed according to the statute, and also appeare att the next generall quarter sessions of the peace to be holden within the said ridding, there to answer such matters as shall on his Ma<sup>ties</sup> behalfe be objected against him.

<sup>1</sup> Sir Stephen Tempest, son of Henry Tempest, Esq., of Broughton; was knighted at Windsor, 9 July, 1603. He was a recusant, and married (1) Anne, dau. of Edmund Eltofts; (2) Katherine, dau. of Henry Lawson, of Nesham, co. Durham, from which marriage descends Arthur C. Tempest, Esq., of Broughton. He died 30 Sept., 1625.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> Josias Lambert, of an old family at Calton-in-Craven. He married three times, and, by his third wife, was father of John Lambert, the Parliamentary General.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Heber, of Marton-in-Craven, was baptised at Marton, 8 June, 1566. He was a Treasurer for Lame Soldiers, and was buried at Marton, 7 Feb., 1633.—J.W.C.

<sup>4</sup> Arthur Lindley, Esq., was son of John Lindley, of Leathley, who entered his pedigree at the 1612 Visitation. He married Ann, dau. of Sir John Garret, of London. His will was proved Sept., 1636.—J.W.C.

<sup>5</sup> Cowling, in the parish of Kildwick.



**Beamsley bridge.** Whereas it was found by inquisicon that the bridge called Beamsley bridge, scituate over Kesse becke<sup>1</sup> runing through the towne of Beamsley,<sup>2</sup> is fallen into greate ruin and decay for want of repaire, so that many of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> subjects are put in great danger of theire lives in passing the same att every flood of water, for redresse whereof it is ORDERED that the same bridge shall be speedily repaired at the charge of the inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> townshipp of Beamsley, who are in-joynd sufficiently to repair and amend y<sup>e</sup> same before Mid-somer next, upon paine of tenn pounds.

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WETHERBY.

Sessions at, 13 James (1613-4).

**Assessment.** Ordered that Clifford shall beare a third with Bramham in all assessments to church and Kinge, and no more. [fol. 126.<sup>3</sup>]

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WAIKEFEILD.

[148] 11 Jan., 13 James (1615-6).

**House of Correction.** Forasmuch as the corporacon of Pomfrett hath not payed formerly toward the purchase of the house of Correction, nor the reedifing therof, ORDERED by this Court that in respect thereof the said corporacon shall not be admitted to send any prisoner into that house from henceforth.

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WETHERBY.

General sessions held at, 8 Jan., 5 Charles (1629-30), before Richard Hutton, Knt., one of the justices of the King's Bench, Ferdinando Fairfax, Knt., Henry Goodricke, Knt., Thomas Mauliverer<sup>4</sup> and Francis Burgoine, esquires, justices.

**Roger Carr.** Forasmuch as Roger Carr appeared this day before us, his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, here assembled, upon a recognizance for his good behaviour, and for that it appeared by the records that he stood sundry tymes indicted att y<sup>e</sup> King's

<sup>1</sup> Kex beck.

<sup>2</sup> In the parishes of Addingham and Skipton.

<sup>3</sup> This seems to refer to the folio in the original order book.

<sup>4</sup> Probably Sir Thomas Mauleverer, of Allerton Mauleverer, who was bapt. 9 April, 1599; M.P. Boroughbridge, 1640-53; created a Baronet, 4 Aug., 1641; raised regiments for the Parliament. He was one of the regicide Judges, and died June, 1655.—J.W.C.



suite, and desired respite till Skipton [148*d*] sessions to answer the said indictments, and withall desired suretie of y<sup>e</sup> peace against Xpofer Dawson, who was formerly a witnesse upon the King's behalfe against him, therefore this Court held it not fitting to grant suertye of y<sup>e</sup> peace against the said Xpofer Dawson, but rather was pleased to give time to all the said partyes untill the next sessions at Skipton.

**Contempt of Court.** Forasmuch as Ralph Leetham, gent., hath refused to pay such layes and assessments as are due by him to be paid, according to the order of this Court, ORDERED that a warrant *per curiam* shall be awarded against him to take him bound to answer his contempt the next sessions.

**Mandate to Bailiffs.** Charles, etc. To all bailiffes, etc. Whereas it appeareth unto this Court that divers and severall grosse offences and misdemeanours were comited and done by one Stephen Laycocke of Cowling within this ridding, yeoman, and especially that he, being bound unto his good behaviour in two severall recognizance, hath voluntarily forfeited them both, whereupon he hath beene indicted and found guilty, as by our records appeareth, and for that severall warrants for the good behaviour hath beene made against him, upon which he hath made three severall escapes, these shall be therefore [149] to charge and command you, and every of you, forthwith upon receipt hereof to arrest y<sup>e</sup> body of him, y<sup>e</sup> said Stephen, and him safely convey before Thomas Heber and William Lowther, esquires, tow of our justices of peace, or thone of them, there to enter recognizance with good sufficient suertyes, subsidie men, for his personall appearance at these next sessions of the peace to be holden within this W.R., and in the meane tyme to be of good behaviour against us and all our leige people, and not to depart untill he have given sufficient sattisfaction unto us and our justices of the peace, there to be assembled, for all his said misdeamanors and contempts, any *supersedias* to y<sup>e</sup> contrary notwithstanding. Faile not.

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### WETHERBY.

General sessions held at, 7 Jan., 6 Charles (1630-1), before Richard Hutton, Knt., one of the justices of the King's Bench (*uno justic. dni. Regis de Banco*), Ferdinando Fairfax, Knt., Henry Goodrick, Knt., and Arthur Lindley, esq., and Francis Burgoine, esq., justices.

**Killinghall bridge.** Whereas Killinghall<sup>1</sup> bridge over the river of Nidd, a bridge to be repaired at y<sup>e</sup> charge of this ridding, [149*d*] and for that the same is fallen into greate decay for want of repaire, Therefore this Court doth intreate Sir Ferdinando Fairfax, Knt., Sir Henry Goodricke, Knt., William Malory, esq., Thomas Mauliverer, esq., and William Engleby, esq., or any two of them, to repaire to the said briddg and survey the same, and certifie at y<sup>e</sup> next sessions what sume of moneys will repaire and amend y<sup>e</sup> same, for the generall good of the whole country.

**Moneys due to Constable.** Whereas Xpofer Hanson made complaint unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace in open sessions of peace that he, being constable of Azerly,<sup>2</sup> did disburse more money towards y<sup>e</sup> releife of thinfected people in Ripon by 3*li.* xs. viij*d.* then ever he could gett againe, within y<sup>e</sup> time he continued in his office, nor at any time since, and for that Mr George Smith doth informe this Court that he wants a greate part of that summe being then, and still is, a high constable within that weapontake, ORDERED that George Martine, now constable of Azerley, shall, upon the sight hereof, charge fower inhabitants of Azerley to make an assessment for the said 3*li.* xs. viij*d.*, and forthwith to collect y<sup>e</sup> same, upon the lands of [150] Mr Dawson lviijs., upon the lands of Lancelot Walton vijs., and upon the lands of Marmaduke Lister vs. viij*d.*, out of which moneys the said George Martine is to give sattisfaction to the said Xpofer Handson and Mr George Smith, for such summes as is in arreare unto them for thuse and service of that townshipp.

**Apprentice.** ORDERED that whereas there is some difference betweene the parishoners of Awdbrough and y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants of the chappelry of Dunsforth, touching the takeing of apprentices, Peter Henlake shall continue his apprentice still untill y<sup>e</sup> next assizes, and then the judges are desired to be pleased to deliver their oppinions, whether Dunsforth, being a chappell belonging to the said parrish of Awdbrough, should joyne with Awdbrough for taking apprentices according to y<sup>e</sup> statute, or noe.

**Rogues and wanderers.** [150*d*] Whereas divers and sundrie good and wholsome orders have heretofore beene made by his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace for the restraineing of all idle, lewde and rogueish persons to wander and goe abroad begging,

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles from Ripley.

<sup>2</sup> In the parish of Kirkby Malzeard.



contrary to the lawes and statutes of this realme, which orders have not beene duly observed, but greatly neglected, in contempt of justice and to y<sup>e</sup> further incouragement of such idle persons to continue still, and daly increase in there wonted course of wandring and begging, by reason whereof many thefts and felonies are daly committed, to the greate annoyance of divers of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> subjects and leige people, and whereas likewise it hath pleased Almighty God to visit divers parts of this kingdome with the dangerous sicknesse of the plague, which is dispersed in sundry parts thereof, and may be feared to be broughte by such wandring persons into such places as are yet sound, unlese Almighty God of his fatherly providence, mercy and goodnes prevent y<sup>e</sup> same, ORDERED that the cheife constables of every devision doe carefully and diligently [151] cause this order to be read and published in every parrish church within their severall devisions, to thend that better notice may be taken thereof, and likewise by their warrants, or other derections, command every petty constable to cause that towne, and every hamlett within his constablership to hire or provide a sufficient able beadle, or watchman, being no old man, woman, or impotent person, but such as will duly and carefully keepe day watch in their said towne, both to restreine such rogues and wanderers, and cause them to be punished according to y<sup>e</sup> law. Also y<sup>t</sup> the said cheife constable at y<sup>e</sup> next sessions of peace to be holden within the said W.R. do truly present the names of all such householders, as shall either releive att their doores, or lodge in their houses, any such rogues and wanderers, and likewise present the names of such petty constables as shall neglect their duty in the premisses, that every one of them may be justly punished according as the statute provideth.

**Bastardy.** [151*d*] Whereas James Wilson of Wetherby hath gotten a bastard child on the body of Margret Exilby, his late servant, ORDERED that the said Wilson shall pay unto the said Margrett Exilby the sume of *iiij li. vjs. viij d.* before Midsummer day next folloing.

**Wetherby lane, par. Collingham.** Whereas Wetherby laine, leadeing towards Bramham, is in great ruine and decay through the default of the inhabitants of Collingham, who ought to repaire the same, ORDERED that the inhabitants of Collingham aforesaid shall well and sufficiently repaire the said laine before Michaelmas next, upon paine of *xxs.* to be estreated and levied upon them.



## WETHERBY.

General sessions held at, 10 Jan., 8 Charles (1632-3), before Richard Hutton, Knt., one of the justices of the King's Bench, Ferdinando Fairfax, Knt., Henry Goodricke, Knt., Thomas Mauliverer, esq., and Francis Burgoine, esq., justices.

**Chief Constable.** Whereas Francis Steele, late cheife constable within the weapontake of Claro, was indicted at the last sessions of peace holden at Knaresbrough [152] for the undue collecting of lxxx*li.*, and by his owne confession the indictment was found, and he convict there upon, and censured to pay the said moneys back to y<sup>e</sup> country, with an increase of xx*li.* fine to his Ma<sup>tie</sup>, and to be bound to the good behaviour for a yeare, all which said censure he hath this present day performed, and the country rests sattisfied, save onely the xx*li.* fine to his Ma<sup>tie</sup>, which he is ready to pay when it shall grow due, ORDERED that the said fine of xx*li.* shall be certified into his Ma<sup>ties</sup> court of Exchequer, and hereafter all former proceedings to stay against the said Francis Steele, but that he shall be acquitted and discharged out of this Court hereafter.

**Spofforth Assessments.** Upon the peticon of M<sup>r</sup> Jo. Cholmley and y<sup>e</sup> rest of the inhabitants within the constabulary of Spofforth, who find themselves oppressed [152*d*] and overburthened with extraordinary charge of layes and assessments imposed upon them within that constabulary, they being but a small parte thereof, alledging that there is 3,000 acres of land within that constabulary, 2,200 whereof, being of y<sup>e</sup> best and most valuable lands there, is not charged with any layes or assessments att all, notwithstanding the most of the said 2,200 acres are leased for xxi<sup>ty</sup> yeares to diverse tennants, who live not there, and have covenanted to discharge all layes and assessments for the same, but forasmuch as it was informed that the right hono<sup>ble</sup> the Earle of Northumberland, therefore this Court thought fitt to respitt the determinacon of this cause, till the clearke of the peace of this ridding might, with y<sup>e</sup> said peticon, some times the next tearme, attend his lo<sup>pp</sup>, or his councell, to thend his lo<sup>pp</sup>, or his councell, may be prepaired and provided to give answer to y<sup>e</sup> same att the next generall sessions of the peace to be holden for this W.R. after Easter, when it is desired and ordered this businesse may be settled, and receive a finall determinacon, without further delay.

**Money due to Constable.** [153] Upon complaint made to this Court by Pihllis (*sic*) Fothergill, administrix unto Leo. Fothergill, lately deceased, that the constable of Kirby Malzard neglected to asseste the summe of *iiijli. viijs. ijd.*, which the said Fothergill disbursed when he was constable, which is still arreare and unpaid unto him, ORDERED that if the now constable for this present yeare shall not asseste the same and collect it, according to y<sup>e</sup> contents of y<sup>e</sup> former order, that then a penalty of *xli.* shall be imposed upon him for his contempt.

**Collingham lane.** ORDERED that a warrant *S[c]ir. fac.*<sup>1</sup> be awarded against the overseers of the parrish of Collingham, for that they have neglected the repaire of Collingham laine, being presented to be in decay by the commandment of M<sup>r</sup> Justice Hutton, upon which presentment diverse processe have beene awarded against them, and they do still neglect to repair the same, which if they do not repaire before the last of Aprill next, then the fine of *xxli.*, formerly imposed upon them, to be estreated against them the next tearme following.

<sup>1</sup> " *Scire facias* is a writ judicial, most commonly to call a man to show cause to the Court whence it issues why execution of a judgment raised should not be made out " (Manley's *Law Interpreter*).

QUARTER SESSIONS' RECORDS  
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PART II.

Indictments and Orders.

(In the Custody of the West Riding County Council.)

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Indictment Book A.

HALIFAX.

[fol. 1] General Sessions at, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 13 Chas. (1637).  
Before William Savyle,<sup>1</sup> Baronet, [John] . . . . .  
Knight, John Farrer,<sup>2</sup> Esq., and Henry Ramsden,<sup>3</sup>  
vicar of Halifax, Justices.

JURORS—John Murgatroyd, Richard Lawe, gent., Samuel Hoyle, Thomas Wilk . . . , John Rayner, sen., John Smith, Samuel Rishworth, William Deane, William Hamond, Jonas Eston, T . . . Morrett, Ric. Illingworth, Gilbert Deane, Humfrey Reyner and John Reyner of Morley.

WHO PRESENT — James Waterhowse of Holmfirth, clothier, for stealing on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 12<sup>th</sup> Charles (1636), at Holmfirth, *unam ovem matricem, Angl.* "an ewe sheepe," value 5s., the property of Christ<sup>r</sup> Micklethwaite. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Robotham, Chr. M . . . . . (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.) Also for stealing on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1636, at Holmfirth, two ewe sheep, value 10s., the property of John

<sup>1</sup> Second son of Sir George Savile, who died 1614, and grandson of Sir George, 1st Baronet, who died 1622; succeeded his brother, who died young. He was a Royalist Commander, and died in York, 24 Jan., 1643-4. He married Anne, dau. of Thomas, Lord Coventry, at Thornhill, 29 Dec., 1629. Their eldest son was the great Marquis of Halifax.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> John Farrer, Esq., of Ewood, parish of Halifax, son of John Farrer of the same place, a treasurer for lame soldiers, married (1) Dorothy, dau. of Nicholas Hanson, of Elland; (2) Susan, dau. of Anthony Waterhouse. He died in 1648.—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Son of Geoffrey Ramsden, of Greetland, parish of Halifax. M.A. and Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford. Instituted Vicar of Halifax, 1629. Died 1638.



Kaye. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Robotham, Jo. Kaye. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.) Also for stealing on the 20<sup>th</sup> August, 1635, at Holmfirth, a lamb, value 2s. 6d., the property of James Hinchcliffe. Witn., Godfrey Ja . . . . ., W<sup>m</sup> Robotham, Jas. Hinchcl . . . . . (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Miles Wallis, late of Horton, blacksmith, for stealing on the 30 June, 1637, at Heaton, "one sacke," value 2<sup>d</sup>, the property of Mary Pearson. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[1d] Thomas Marshall of Ossett, clothier, for stealing on the . . . October, 1637, at Ossett, *quatuor acervas hordei, Angl.* "fower thraves<sup>1</sup> of barlye," value 10<sup>d</sup>, the property of William Thornes. Witn., . . . . . Thornes, . . . . . Armitage.

Joseph Philipps of Great Horton, laborer, for breaking and entering the house of William Batley at night, on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Burley, and stealing therefrom *unum indumentum, Angl.* "a winnowing cloath," value 5s., the property of the said William Batley. Witn., . . . . . Batley. (At large.)

Joseph Hewitt of Stanley, laborer, for stealing on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1637-8, at Wakefeild, *duos pisces, Angl.* "two salt fishes," value 18<sup>d</sup>, the property of John Sunderland. Witn., . . . . . Lee, . . . . . Tomson, . . . . . Dodson, Rington, Heaton. (Puts himself.)

Jane Walker, wife of William Walker of Okenshawe, laborer, for stealing on the 11<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1637, at Clackheaton, *unam peciam plumbi, Angl.* "a pewther doubler,"<sup>2</sup> value 2s., the property of Mathew Naylor. Witn., Alice Walshaw, . . . . . Naylor. (Puts herself.)

Martha Baylye, wife of Robert Baylye of Bradford, laborer, for stealing on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1636-7, at Bradford, "a napkyne" (*sudarium*) and "a silke girdle" (*cingulum*), value 5s., the property of Ric. Wilson. Witn., Margaret Wilson, . . . . . Wilson, . . . . . Stringer. (Puts herself.)

Antony Daues of Wakefeild, laborer, and William Langstaffe, of the same, laborer, for stealing on the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Water Friston, *octo pecias carnis, Angl.* eight quarters of mutton, value 8s., the property of a man unknown. (Committed to York Castle.)

[fol. 2] Richard Jowett of Wibsey, laborer, for stealing on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Liversedge, *decem pecias ferri, Angl.*

<sup>1</sup> The word "thrive" is still in use in the North, and is generally taken as a measure of twenty-four sheaves or two "stooks," or shocks, of corn.

<sup>2</sup> A large dish, plate, or bowl.

"tenn windowe stanchions of iron," value 13s. 4d., the property of John Kaye. Witn., Jo. Kaye.

William Deane of Wibsey, laborer, and Ric. Jowett of the same, laborer, for breaking and entering a barn of one John Pearson at night on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Himsworth, and stealing therefrom ten "stroaks<sup>1</sup> of oates" (*decem sata avenarum*), value 10s.; two sacks, value 3s. 4d.; "an iron teame"<sup>2</sup> (*unam catenam ferri*), value 3s. 4d.; a coulter (*unum cultrum*), value 3s. 4d.; a share (*unum vomerem*), value 3s. 4d.; and an iron fork (*unam bifurcam*), value 12d., the property of the said John Pearson. Witn., Jo. Pearson. Confession. (Committed to York Castle.)

Robert Wilkinson of Scoales, yeoman, for assaulting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Janry., 1637-8, one William Pearson at Scoales, and there beating, wounding, and maltreating him so that his life was despaired of. Witn., Mat. Naylor, W<sup>m</sup> Pearson. (At large.)

[2d] John Terrye of Gawthorpe, laborer, Daniel Simpson of the same, laborer, Elizabeth Wildman of the same, laborer, and George Boyle of the same, laborer, for assaulting on the 25 Sept., 1637, one William Rodley at Ossett, and beating, wounding, and maltreating him. They unlawfully and by force rescued the said Daniel Simpson out of the custody of the said William Rodley, then by the latter arrested and in his custody by virtue of a warrant of John Ramsden, knight. Witn., Jo: Greene, William Myres, Wm. Rodley. (Terrye at large, Wildman confesses the indictment, fine 3<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>, paid Sheriff.)

John Turner of Wibsey, laborer, William Turner of the same, clothier, Robert Walton of the same, waller, Simeon Darwine of Wyke, husbandman, Jonas Threapland of Wibsey, husbandman, William Pearson, sen., of the same, husbandman, William Pearson of the same, junior, Edward Pearson of the same, John Barraclough of the same, John Mortimer of the same, husbandman, Michael Hartley of Wibsey aforesaid, William Walker of Okenshawe, husbandman, Stephen Fawcett of the same, tanner, and Samuel Bentley of the same, husbandman, for unlawfully and riotously assembling on the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Wibsey. And for unlawfully and riotously breaking into and entering on the night of that day a barn belonging to Thomas Wilkinson, and taking away "a hundreth thraves of oates," value £20, the property of William Haldsworth. Witn.,

<sup>1</sup> The "stroke" in the seventeenth century in the parish of Halifax equalled two pecks—half a bushel.

<sup>2</sup> An ox chain.



Ric. Rooks, Ric. Jowett, Tho. Wilkinson, Tho. Roper, Mic. Brigg, W<sup>m</sup> Haldsworth, . . . . . Wilkinson, Tempest Rooks, . . . ar. Haldsworth. (Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

[fol. 3] The same parties for unlawfully assembling and entering the same barn on the same date, and taking away three sacks, value 3s., and "a hundreth thraves of oates," value £20, belonging to said William Haldsworth. Same witnesses.

The same parties for the same offence, and taking away "a bushell of oates," value 5s., belonging to the said Thomas Wilkinson. Same witnesses. (Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

[3d] Edith Castlehouse of Flockton, spinster, for assaulting on the 20 August, 1637, at Emley, one Thomas Roods, and beating, wounding, and maltreating him so that his life was despaired of. Witn., . . . . . Wilcock, Tho. Holden, . . . . . Hamshire, Ann Hamshire. (At large.)

Thomas Rishton of Wakefeild, innholder, Robert Akeroid of the same, laborer, and John Baylye of the same, laborer, for unlawfully assembling on the 27 Sept., 1637, at Wakefeild, and breaking into and entering the close of one Rosamund Marshall to her damage. Witn., . . . . . Ward, Andr. Wood. (Put themselves.)

The said Thomas Rishton and Henry Sykes and Thomas Beckett of Wakefield, laborers, for the same offence, and for taking away "a wayne load of haye," value 20s., belonging to the said Rosamund Marshall. Same witnesses. (Put themselves. At Pontefract, April 3, 1638, they confess the indictment, and their fine is taxed at xxs.)

[fol. 4] John Cooke of Parlington, yeoman, for assaulting on the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Barwicke, one John Cordin, and beating him, etc., so that his life was despaired of. Recognisance taken before Edward Stanhope,<sup>1</sup> Knight, one of the Justices. Witn., Fr. Archer, Jo. Cordin. (Puts himself.)

John Pannall of Hothersfeild, woolman, for assaulting on the 24<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Rastricke, one Isabel, wife of James Bunnye, and wounding, etc., so that her life was despaired of. Witn., Eliz. Firth, Jo. Foxe, Isabell Bunny. (Puts himself.)

William Rookes of Hipperholme, clothier, for assaulting on the 20<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1637, at Hipperholme, one Martha, wife of Jeremy Brigg, so that her life was despaired of. Witn., Jere. Brigg, Mar. Brigg.

And now to the same General Sessions comes the aforesaid William Rookes in his own person, and questioned by the same

<sup>1</sup> Of Grimston, son of Sir Edward, Knt., was High Sheriff of Yorkshire, 1615. He married Margaret, dau. of Sir Henry Constable, of Burton Constable, and was buried at Kirkby Wharfe, 27 Feb., 1662.—J.W.C.



Justices how he will answer the premises, says that he cannot deny that he is guilty of the assault aforesaid as in the Indictment specified, and puts himself on the mercy of the King. And his fine is taxed at 20s. And let the aforesaid William Rookes be taken, etc. And the Sheriff is paid in Court, etc.

[4*d*] Alice Barton, wife of Robert Barton of Wakefeild, laborer, for stealing on the 10 Sept., 1637, at Wakefield, 3s. 3*d*. in money belonging to Edward Worrall. And now comes the aforesaid Alice Barton, and says that she is not guilty, and puts herself upon the country. And Robert Benson, gent., follows for the King. Therefore it was ordered to come before 12 true men at Halifax, etc. Whereupon John Ramsden,<sup>1</sup> Knight, Sheriff, returned the precept, and the Jurors were Ric. Longbothome, Edw. Barstowe, Edw. Webster, William Mortymer, Joseph Brigg, John Walker, Robert Thomas, Thomas Broadley, Edw. Kent, Edw. Butler, John Deane, and James Harwood. And the Jurors say upon their oath that the aforesaid Alice Barton is not guilty, etc.

Jeremy Brigge of Hipperholme, clothdresser, and Martha his wife, for assaulting on the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Hipperholme, one William Rookes. They appeared, pleaded not guilty, and came before the Jury, who on their oaths said that neither the one nor the other was guilty.

[fol. 5] A penalty of £40 is imposed upon the inhabitants of the parish of Sandall that they should sufficiently repair the King's highway leading from the market town of Wakefeild to the town of Sandall aforesaid, which now is in great decay on account of lack of repair, so that the liege subjects of the King cannot pass by that way without great peril of their lives; before the feast of St. Martin the Bishop next to come, under the view of William Savile, Baronet, one of the Justices, etc.

A like penalty of £50 is imposed on the inhabitants of the parishes of Emley and Kirkheaton that they sufficiently repair the King's highway leading from Middlestowne<sup>2</sup> to Grange more, in a place called Grange layne, which is now in great decay through lack of repair; before the feast of St Martin the Bishop next to come.

A like penalty of £40 on the inhabitants of Southowram that they sufficiently repair the King's highway from a bridge

<sup>1</sup> Son of William Ramsden, Esq., of Longley, Huddersfield, by Rosamund, dau. of Thomas Pilkington, of Bradley; bapt. at Almondbury, 13 Oct., 1594; knighted 12 Aug., 1619; High Sheriff of Yorkshire, 1636; M.P. Pontefract, 1638. He was afterwards a Royalist colonel, and died in Newark Castle, 1644. From him descends the present Baronet.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> Middlestown, in the parish of Thornhill.

called Salterheble to a town called Ealand. And that the inhabitants of the town of Ealand repair the King's highway leading from a place called Ealand bancke to the town of Ealand before the feast of S<sup>t</sup> Martin the Bishop next to come.<sup>1</sup>

A like penalty of £40 on the inhabitants of Royston parish that they sufficiently repair the King's highway leading from the market town of Wakefeild to the town of Royston and so to the market town of Rotheram, in a place called Cheete layne, which is now in great decay; before the feast of S<sup>t</sup> Martin the Bishop abovesaid, under the view of William Savile, Baronet. (Exonerated by order of the Court.)

A like penalty of £40 on the inhabitants of Halifax parish that they sufficiently repair the King's highway leading from a Chapel called Luddenden Chappell to the market town of Halifax, within the township of Warley, which is now in great decay for lack of repair; before the feast of S<sup>t</sup> Martin the Bishop abovesaid, under the view of John Farrer, Esq., one of the Justices, etc.

[5*d*] A like penalty of £40 on the inhabitants of Wakefeild parish that they sufficiently repair the pavement in a place there, commonly called Wakefeild Westgate, which is now in great decay for lack of repair; before the feast of S<sup>t</sup> Martin the Bishop in winter next to come, under the view of Jo. Savile, Knight.

A penalty of £40 is imposed on one William Sykes that he sufficiently repair the way in a lane near a mill, commonly called Dewsberrie Milne, at Dewsberrie, before the feast of S<sup>t</sup> Martin the Bishop abovesaid.<sup>2</sup>

#### KNARESBOROUGH.

[fol. 6] General Sessions held at, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1637, before Ferdinando Fairfax, K<sup>t</sup>, Henry Goodricke, K<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Fairfax,<sup>3</sup> Esq., Brian Palmes, Esq., Tho<sup>s</sup> Mauliverer, Esq., and Geo. Marwood, Esq., Justices.

JURORS — Richard Parker, gent., Thomas Longe, gent., Simon Broughe, Walter Buckle, William Stephenson, John

<sup>1</sup> Marginal note:—Inhabitants of Exley ought to repair.

<sup>2</sup> There are no orders in the custody of the W. R. County Council which were made at this or any of the succeeding sessions until those held at Pontefract on April 3, 14 Chas. (1638).

<sup>3</sup> Apparently, in later days, Lord Fairfax, the Parliamentary Commander-in-Chief, son of Sir Thomas Fairfax, of Denton. He was knighted 1640-1; bapt. 1611-12; died at Nun Appleton, 12 Nov., 1671. He married Anne, dau. and coheiress of Horace, Lord Vere of Tilbury.



Guy, George Wood, Rob<sup>t</sup> Ellis, John Bucktroute, Richard Dowgill, Tho<sup>s</sup> Hebden, William Steele, Thomas Kirbye, Christ<sup>r</sup> Walker, and Francis Walker.

WHO PRESENT — Francis Steele, gent., Francis Gels-trope, yeoman, and John Smyth, yeoman, all of Plompton, for forcibly, with staves and daggers (*bacculis et pugionibus*), breaking into, on the 23<sup>d</sup> Aug., 1637, viz., between the hours of 11 and 12 at night, the park of Henry Goodricke, K<sup>t</sup>, called Ribston Park, and there with two greyhounds hunting and chasing a buck, against the will of the said Henry Goodricke and without any lawful authority.

They come before the above Justices, and cannot deny but that they are guilty, and are committed to the King's gaol at York Castle for three months. They also paid to the aforesaid Henr. Goodricke, K<sup>t</sup>, the party aggrieved, threefold damages, and were to find sufficient security and bond for their good behaviour for seven years next to come, or else continue in the gaol aforesaid.

[6*d*] William Midleton of Stainburn, yeoman, being deputy bailiff of the wapentake of Claro, for extortionately and wrongfully receiving and accepting at Laerton from one John Yeoman, under colour of his office, four shillings for the arrest of the same John Yeoman at the suit of one Ric. Worthington, when in fact no fee was due, in contempt of the King and his laws, and the grievous harm of the said John Yeoman. Witn., Ric. Yeoman, James Wood.

George Booth of Snawden, yeoman, for having on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1637, made and planted at Tymble in the King's highway there, leading from the town of Tymble to the market town of Leeds, certain pales and fences, and dug a ditch there so that the subjects of Our Lord the King cannot pass there with their horses and carriages. Witn., Tho. Wayte, Jo. Pulleyn, Jo. Breahre.

William Midleton of Stainburn, laborer, for assaulting on the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Knaresbrough, one Anne, the wife of Marmaduke Hutton, and wounding her so that her life was despaired of. He came before the said Justices, and having heard the indictment, says that he is not able to deny but that he is guilty, and puts himself on the King's mercy. Fined 40s., and let the said William be taken. Witn., Anne Hutton.

[fol. 7] Ambrose Appleby of Linton upon Ouse, gent., and Mary his wife, who on the 1 May, 1637, were aged 16 years and upwards, for that they "did not repaire to the parish



church of Knaresbrough nor to any other church, chapel, or place of common prayer at any time within one month thereafter, but voluntarily have forborne the same" against the tenor of the Act of Uniformity, 1<sup>st</sup> Eliz. They came before the said Justices, and proclamation was made for one month according to the form of the Statute. Witn., Fran. Stamper.

Jennet Todd, wife of Edward Todd of Knaresbrough, laborer, for stealing on the 10<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1637, at Knaresbrough, "a pewther doubler" (*patinam*), value 3*d.*, a candlestick (*candilabrum*), value 3*d.*, and "a heape of yarne" (*fascem lini*), value 3*d.*, the property of Margaret Inchbald. She came before the said Justices, pleaded not guilty, and put herself upon the country, on which a Jury was ordered. And the Jurors then called, viz. Chr. Smithson, Thomas Redshawe, Cha<sup>s</sup> Catton, Ric. Sutton, Ric. Dickenson, John Buckle, Thomas Hawkes, Ric. Bradley, Mathew Wood, Henr. Midleton, Rob<sup>t</sup> Tunstall, sen<sup>r</sup>, and Chr. Yates say that the said Jennett Todd is guilty of the felony aforesaid to the value of 4*d.* only. And that she had neither goods nor chattels to the knowledge of the said Jurors. Therefore it is decided by the Court that the said Jennet Todd be whipped upon her naked body until blood flow. Witn., Margaret Inchbald.

[7*d*] Edward Sotheran of Thruscrosse,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for having on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1637, and on many days, obstinately, and on his own authority, and without any admission or allowance of the Justices of the Peace, taken upon himself to keep "a common tipling howse" at Thruscrosse, and there sold "beare and ale" to divers liege subjects of the King in contempt of his laws and against the Statute, etc. He came before the said Justices and was unable to deny but that he was guilty. Therefore it is decided by the Court that he pay 20*s.* to the use of the poor of the parish of Fuiston (Fewston), according to the form of the Statute, etc.

### DONCASTER.

[fol. 8] General Sessions held at, 11 October, 1637, before William, Lord Crichton,<sup>2</sup> Francis Wortley,<sup>3</sup> [Knight]

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Fewston, lower division of Claro, liberty of Knaresborough, five miles from Pateley Bridge.

<sup>2</sup> William, Lord Crichton of Sanquhar, succeeded his cousin in the title in 1612. He was created Earl of Dumfries 12 June, 1633. The peerages do not mention any connection with Yorkshire.—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Francis Wortley, of Wortley, created a Baronet 29 June, 1611. Colonel of Foot for Charles I; died in London. His son, Sir Francis, 2nd Bart., was last of the male line.—J.W.C.

and Baronet, William Savyle, Baronet, Geo. Wentworth,<sup>1</sup> Knight, Edw<sup>d</sup> Roodes,<sup>2</sup> K<sup>t</sup>, Rob<sup>t</sup> Rockley,<sup>3</sup> Esq., and William W . . . . ., Esq.

JURORS—Ric. Newsome, gent., Francis Heaton, Rob<sup>t</sup> Wickham, William Shoer, Jervase Shoer, Tho<sup>s</sup> Doughtye, Laur. Foxe, Edw<sup>d</sup> Smith, William Binningley, William Levitt, Tho<sup>s</sup> Bywater, John Empson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Mitchell, Rob<sup>t</sup> Wood, and Nich. Wood, Edw<sup>d</sup> Cutts, and Ralph Milner.

WHO PRESENT—James Saunders *als.* Poole of Clayton, laborer, for stealing on the 25 Sept., 1637, at Brearley,<sup>4</sup> *duos juvencos, Angl.* “two steares” and, *unam juvencam, Angl.* “a heyfer,” value £13, the property of John Blagburne. Witn., Jo. Blagburne.

John Walker of Ecclesfeild, laborer, for stealing on 20 Sept., 1637, at Ecclesfeild, *unum librum, Angl.* a bible, value 5s., the property of John Carr. Witn., Jo. Carr.

George Whitwood of Cawthorne, laborer, and William Hawcrofte of the same place, butcher, for stealing on 30 Sept., 1637, at Barnesley, *sex vervices, Angl.* “sixe weathers,” value 40s., the property of Elizabeth Heyward. Witn., Tho. Heyward, Edw. Wordsworth, Jos. Hinchcliffe.

The same for stealing at the same time and place “sixe weathers,” value 40s., the property of Thomas Heyward. Same witnesses.

[8*d*] George Scamonden and Richard Watson, both of Cawthorne, butchers, for stealing on 1 Oct., 1637, at Thurleston, “sixe weathers,” value 40s., the property of Edw. Wordsworth. Witn., Edw. Wordsworth. (Scamonden puts himself, guilty, no chattels, a clerk, is burnt.)

Robert Sunnyforth and William Hargraves, both of Burton, laborers, for stealing on 8 Aug., 1637, at Burton, *unum par*

<sup>1</sup> Sir George Wentworth, Knt., of Woolley (son of Michael Wentworth, who had purchased Woolley from the Woodroves), was born in 1599, and died 19 Oct., 1660. He was a Colonel of a regiment for Charles I, and heavily fined. He married (1) Anne, dau. of Lord Fairfax; (2) Everild Maltby, but left no surviving issue, the estates coming to his brother John.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> Son of Godfrey Rodes, of Great Houghton; J.P.; High Sheriff of Yorkshire, 1650; Colonel of Horse for the Parliament; bur. 22 Feb., 1666–7, at Darfield; married Mary, dau. of Sir Hamond Whichote, of Harpswell, co. Linc. (see *Dugdale's Visitation, continued*, i, 90).—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Robert Rockley, head of the ancient family of Rockley of Rockley, purchased also the manor of Worsborough. He was a D.L., J.P., and treasurer of the lame soldiers. He and his sons were Royalists. He was buried at Worsborough, 21 Nov., 1644. His son, Francis, had to part with the estates, and died in prison.—J.W.C.

<sup>4</sup> Brierley, in the parish of Felkirk, wapentake of Staincross, liberty of Pontefract, five miles from Barnsley.



*ocreararum*,<sup>1</sup> *Angl.* "a paire of bouttes," *unam tunicam*, *Angl.* "a coate," *sex pecias ferri*, *Angl.* "two iron nayles, two iron rings, and two iron wedges," value 5s., the property of George Cowper. Witn., Geo. Cowper.

Henry Dobson of Wakefeild, laborer, for stealing on 24 Feb., 1637-8, at Worsbroughe, *unum satum farine avenarum*, *Angl.* "a pecke of oatemeale," *unum caseum*, *Angl.* a cheese, and, *unum par calceorum*, *Angl.* "a paire of shoes," value 3s., the property of Agnes Cudworth. Witn., Agnes Cudworth.

Margaret Chambers of Anston, spinster, for stealing on 5 Oct., 1637, at Hansworth, *unam parvacidam*,<sup>2</sup> *Angl.* a petticoat, *unum indusium*, *Angl.* "a wastcoate," and, *un. sat. farine avenarum*, *Angl.* "a pecke of oate meale," value 4s., the property of Robert Birkes. Witn., Robert Birkes.

John Robbinett of Wales, in co. York, laborer, for stealing on 12 July, 1637, at Keeton, *unam securem*, *Angl.* an axe, value 3s., the property of Brian Wareing. Witn., Brian Wareing.

The same for stealing on 20 July, 1637, at Keeton, *unum instrumentum ferri*, *Angl.* an iron gouge, value 6d., the property of Thomas Butcher. Witn., Tho. Butcher.

[fol. 9] Troth Jackson of Aston, spinster, for stealing on 5 Oct., 1637, at Aston, *duos capones*, *Angl.* two capons, and *unam gallinam*, *Angl.* one hen, value 2s., and 30s. in money, the property of Thomas Ramscarr. Witn., Tho. Ramscarr, Ellen his wife, Fr. Fitzakersley.

Margaret Ward of Ackworth, for stealing on 10 Sept., 1637, at East Hardwicke, *duo sata tritici*, *Angl.* "two pecks of wheate," value 2s., the property of George Hanley. Witn., Eliz. Wasse.

Margaret Ward, wife of John Ward of Ackworth, laborer, for stealing on 10 Sept., 1637, at East Hardwicke, two pecks of wheat, value 2s., the property of Stephen Cawood. Witn., Eliz. Wasse.

Samuel Catlyn and Ric. Pigborne, both of Arkesey, laborers, for stealing on 4 Aug., 1637, at Thorpe marshe, *duos vervices*, *Angl.* "two weathers," value 10s., the property of Robert Parishe. (Catlyn puts himself, guilty to 12d., no chattels.)

Also William Catlyn of Arkesey, husbandman, for on the following day knowingly receiving, consorting with, and maintaining the same Samuel and Richard. Witn., Tho. Tirwhitt, Ann Parishe. (Puts himself.)

<sup>1</sup> *Ocrea* = *caliga*, a strong military shoe or boot worn by Roman soldiers.

<sup>2</sup> I cannot identify the word *parvacidam*.



Faith Ramsden, wife of Richard Ramsden of Brampton Byerley, laborer, and Mary Hill of the same, laborer, for stealing on 30 Sept., 1637, at Wombwell, *duodecem garbas hordei, Angl.* "twelve sheaves of barlye," value 3s., the property of John Elam. Witn., Confession. (Ramsden puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[9*d*] John Knott of Greasbrooke,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for stealing on 20 Sept., 1637, at Greasbrooke, *duas garbas hordei, Angl.* "two stacks (*sic*) of barlye," value 5s., the property of John Robbinett. Witn., Alex. Beete (?), Jane Robbinett.

Richard Creswicke of Sheffield, goldsmith, for stealing on 4 Sept., 1637, at Ecclesfeild, *unum indumentum laneum, Angl.* "a rydeing coate," value 10s., the property of Ralph Carr. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Hey, Ra: Carr.

William Sargison of Austerfeild, laborer, for stealing on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1637, at Austerfeild, *unum satum siliginis, Angl.* "a pecke of rye," value 14*d.*, the property of William Benson. Also William Arnall of the same place, laborer, for knowingly receiving and harbouring the same William Sargison. Witn., Wm. Benson.

William Wood of Greenside, laborer, for stealing on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Wadesley, *unum supparum, Angl.* "a smocke," value 14*d.*, the property of Nicholas Creswicke. Witn., Nicholas Creswick.

And now before the said Justices came the aforesaid James Saunders, John Walker, Geo. Whitwood, William Hawcrofte, Ric. Watson, Robt. Sunniforth, William Hargraves, Hen. Dobson, Margaret Chambers, John Robbinett, Troth Jackson, Margaret Ward, Ric. Pigborne, Mary Hill, John Knott, Ric. Creswicke, William Sargison, William Wood, William Arnall, and pleaded not guilty. They put themselves for good or ill on the country, whereupon a Jury was called. And the Jurors, viz. William Jennings, gent., John Raney, Geo. Elwys, Martin Crosbye, William Crawshaye, Thomas Bradforth, William Stones, John Roberts, Rob<sup>t</sup> Wharum, Ric. Ward, John Jenkinson, and John Dickinson say [fol. 10] upon their oath that the aforesaid James Saunders, John Walker, George Whitwood, William Hawcrofte, and William Wood are guilty of the felonies aforesaid, whereupon they were led again to the bar by the Sheriff and asked what they could say for themselves why they should not have judgment of death according to the

<sup>1</sup> Greasborough, in the parish of Rotherham, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, liberty of Tickhill, two miles from Rotherham.

law for the felonies aforesaid whereof they were convicted. They severally said that they were clerks,<sup>1</sup> and prayed for benefit of clergy to be granted them. And it was granted to them, and a book being severally delivered to them they read each of them as a clerk. And immediately that same day each was burnt<sup>2</sup> in his left hand according to the form of the Statute, and then they were set at large. The Jurors also say that Ric. Watson is guilty of the felony aforesaid to the value of 10*d.*, Rob<sup>t</sup> Sunniforth is likewise to the value of 10*d.*, Hen. Dobson to the value of 6*d.*, Margaret Chambers to the value of 10*d.*, Ric. Pigborne to the value of 10*d.*, Mary Hill to the value of 6*d.*, John Knott to the value of 6*d.*, Ric. Creswicke to the value of 10*d.*, and William Sargison to the value of 6*d.*, and no more. And that none of them have to their knowledge goods or chattels in the West Riding of the county of York. Therefore it is decided by the Court that the aforesaid Ric. Watson and each of them be whipped on his or her naked body until the blood flows, and then set at large. And the Jurors say that the aforesaid William Hargraves, John Robbinnett, Troth Jackson, and Margaret Ward are not guilty. Therefore they may go quit of the premises without day appointed, etc.

Henry Walker of Dodworth, tanner, for that on the 31 Aug., 1637, not having lands or tenements in his own right or that of his wife to the value of 40*s.*, he had, kept, and used at Stainburghe, *fistulas leporar'*, *Angl.* harepipes, for destroying, *lepores et cuniculos*, *Angl.* "hares and conyes," against the form of the Statute,<sup>3</sup> etc. And now comes the aforesaid Hen. Walker in his own person and the Indictment is found, but because it appears to the Court here that he has satisfied Jervase Cutler,

<sup>1</sup> "Benefit of clergy" consisted in being excused, on the ground of being able to read, from capital punishment, but the person who claimed it was, till 1779 (unless he was a peer or clerk in orders) branded in the hand, and discharged from custody, subject to a power given (18 Eliz., c. 7) to the court to imprison him for any term not exceeding one year. (See Stephen, *History of the Criminal Law*, vol. i, p. 460. 1883.)

<sup>2</sup> By Statute, 4 Henry VII, c. 1, it was enacted that "every person so convicted for murder, be marked with an M upon the brawn of the left thumb; and if he be [convicted] for any other felony, the same person to be marked with a T in the same place of the thumb, and these marks to be made by the gaoler openly in court before the judge."

<sup>3</sup> See Statute, 13 Richard II, c. 13, whereby it was ordained that no manner of artificer, labourer, nor other layman, which hath not lands or tenements to the value of 40*s.* by year, nor no priest, nor other clerk, if he be not advanced to the value of £10 by year, shall have or keep from henceforth any greyhound, hound, nor other dog for to hunt, nor they shall not use ferrets, haies (*i.e.* nets), harepipes, nor cords, nor other engines for to take or destroy deer, hares, nor conies, nor other gentleman's game, upon pain of one year's imprisonment, etc.



Knight, the party aggrieved, his damage according to the Statute, etc., therefore the aforesaid Henry is pardoned, etc.

[10d] Richard Newton of Ecclesall, carpenter, for having there on the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug., 1637, *tormento onerato pulvere et glandinibus plumbeis, Angl.* "with a gun chardged with powder and hayle shott," unlawfully shot at two pigeons, and killed the same pigeons, against the Statute,<sup>1</sup> etc. (At large.)

Lionel Copley of Rotheram, gent., and Thomas Ardron of the same, laborer, for unlawfully capturing, killing, and taking away on the 25<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1637, at Rotheram, *octo decem perdices, Angl.* "eightene partridges," with nets and other engines against the form of the Statute,<sup>2</sup> etc. They came before the said Justices personally and delivered to them a writ of *certiorari* issuing from the King's Court at Westminster, by virtue of which the said indictment was certified in the Crown office for Michaelmas term, 1637.

Ralph Greaves of Boulsterstone,<sup>3</sup> yeoman, for unlawfully breaking and entering on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1637, the free chase or park of Francis Wortley, Knight and Baronet, commonly called the New Parke<sup>4</sup> at Wortley, and chasing and hunting *damas, Angl.* "the deare," within the same with greyhounds, and chasing and killing *unam damam, Angl.* "a doe," to the damage of the said Francis Wortley, and against the Statute, etc. Witn., Jo. Kirkby. (Puts himself, guilty, is committed according to the Statute, etc.)

[fol. 11] Isabel wife of John Pattricke, laborer, Alice Hudson, wife of William Hudson, laborer, and Isabel Gibson,

<sup>1</sup> See Statute, 2 Edward VI, c. 14, and note, Record Series, vol. iii, W.R. Sessions Rolls, p. 66. The reason alleged in the preamble of the Act for prohibiting "hail shot" is that the shooting thereof "destroyed the certainty of shooting much requisite in wars."

<sup>2</sup> See Statute, 11 Henry VII, c. 17, by which it was enacted "that it shall not be lawful to any person, of what condition he be, to take or cause to be taken any pheasants or partridges by net, snares, or other engines, out of his own warren, upon the freehold of any other person without the assent, etc., of the owner."

<sup>3</sup> Bolsterstone, in the township of Bradfield, and parish of Ecclesfield, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, nine miles from Penistone and Barnsley.

<sup>4</sup> The Rev. Oliver Heywood, in his *Memoranda (Diaries)*, vol. iii, 81, ed. by J. Horsfall Turner, writes:—"Sir Francis Wortly's great-grandfather, being a man of great estate, was owner of a town near unto him, only there were some frecholders in it, with whom he wrangled and sued until he had beggared them and cast them out of their inheritance, and so the town was wholly his, which he pulled quite down, and laid the buildings and town fields even as a common, wherein his main design was to keep deer, and made a lodge to which he came at the time of the year and lay there, taking great delight to hear the deer bell, but it came to pass that, before he died, he belled like a deer, and was distracted."



wife of George Gibson, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 31 Aug., 1637, at Hardwicke, Margaret wife of John Ward. Witn., . . . . . Ward, Janet wife of . . . . . Scoley.

David Archer of Bradfeild, laborer, for without authority taking upon himself to keep on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1637, and for many days continuously keeping, "a common tipling howse," and there selling *cervisiam et potum*, *Angl.* "beare and ale," to divers liege subjects of the King, in contempt of the King and against the Statute, etc. Witn., . . . . . Creswick.

John Barker of Snaith, yeoman, for breaking on 1 Sept., 1637, at Snaith, "the common pinfould" there. Also for assaulting and maltreating there Richard Laydstocke so that his life was despaired of. Witn., . . . . . Laydstocke.

Ellenor Ramskarr, wife of Thomas Ramskarr of Aston, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating on 1 Sept., 1637, at Aston, Troth Jackson. Witn., Troth Jackson.

Ric. Robinson of Haughe,<sup>1</sup> yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating on 2 Aug., 1637, at Rawmarshe, Hester Gillott, wife of Ralph Gillott. Witn., Hester Gillott, . . . . . Barracloughe, . . . . . Brooke.

[11*d*] . . . . . Beeforth of Barnbye Dunne, "tipler," for keeping in his house at Barnby Dunne, on 1 Oct., 1637, and at other times previously, unlawful games *viz.* cards and dice, and selling there "beare and ale" against the Assize.

Thomas Empson of Gowle, gent., for that, being aged 16 years and upwards, he did not repaire on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1637, nor at any time within one month next following, to his parish church of Hooke, nor to any other church, chapel, or usual place of common prayer, but hath forborne the same in contempt of the King and his laws and against the Statute,<sup>2</sup> etc. And now before the Justices proclamation was made according to the form of the Statute.

William Lee of Cawthorne, butcher, for assaulting and maltreating on 31 May, 1637, at Cawthorn, John Crosland. Witn., Jo. Crosland, Edmund Woo[d].

Jennet Smith of Bentley,<sup>3</sup> spinster, for assaulting and maltreating on 20 Sept., 1637, at Bentley, Anne the wife of William Wynne. Witn., Ursula Crawshaw, Mary Brayton.

<sup>1</sup> Probably Upper Haugh, in the township and parish of Rawmarsh, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, three miles from Rotherham.

<sup>2</sup> See Statute, 1 Eliz., c. 2. The fine was 12*d.* for each offence. See preface to Record Series, vol. iii, W.R. Sessions Rolls, p. xxii *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> In the parish of Arksey, Lower Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, liberty of Tickhill, one and a half miles from Doncaster.

[fol. 12] . . . . . for breaking the pinfould at Cadeby<sup>1</sup> on 6<sup>th</sup> October (1637), and when arrested there by the Constables saying to them divers opprobrious and scandalous words, viz. "a turd for both the Constables and Justices of peace teeth," in contempt of the King and his laws.

John Cusworth of Royston, husbandman, for that he, on the 1 May, 1637, retaineth one Ambrose Steele as subtenant or inmate<sup>2</sup> in his house there, to the grievous damage and annoyance of all the Inhabitants of the parish of Royston aforesaid. Witn., . . . . . Calverley, . . . . . Scoley. (At large.)

Henry Page of Boulsterstone within the parish of Bradfeild, yeoman, for that being, *communis brasiator, Angl.* "a common brewster," he on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1637, and divers other days both before and after, had and kept in his house divers persons drinking, *super diem dominicam, Angl.* "upon the Saboath day," and did not observe and keepe the assize of beer and ale, in contempt of the King and his laws. Witn., . . llen Archer. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[12d] Ambrose Marsden of . . . . . , for breaking and entering the free forest or chase of the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery,<sup>3</sup> and there shooting with "a handgunne chardged with powder and bulletts at a stagge," in the chase or forest of Ewden,<sup>4</sup> and killing it. Witn., Ric. Cresw[ick], Rob. S . . . .

Thomas Browne of Armine, butcher, Tristram Routh of the same, laborer, John Routh of the same, laborer, and Anne his wife, for assaulting and maltreating Thomas Ridgwaye. Witn., Jo. Foster, David Johns[on], Charles Burds, Thomas Ridgwaye. (Each of them confessed the Indictment, and the fine of each was taxed at 12d.)

[fol. 13] And now before the aforesaid Justices came the said William Lee, Jennet Smith, Isabel Patricke, Alice Hudson, Isabel Gibson, David Archer, John Barker, Ellenor Ramskarr, and Ric. Robinson, pleaded guilty, and prayed to be admitted to a fine with the King. And the fine of William Lee was taxed at 10s., that of Jennet Smith at 5s., that of Isabel Patricke, Alice Hudson, and Isabel Gibson at 5s., and that of David

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Sprotborough, Lower Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, liberty of Tickhill, four and a half miles from Doncaster.

<sup>2</sup> See Statute, 31 Eliz., c. 7. By this *inter alia* it was provided and enacted that "there shall not be any inmate, or more families or households than one dwelling or inhabiting in any one cottage, made, or to be made or erected."

<sup>3</sup> Philip Herbert, fourth Earl of Pembroke, previously Earl of Montgomery. "Fear induced him to side with the Parliament" (Clarendon).

<sup>4</sup> Uden, in the township of Bradfield and parish of Ecclesfield.



Archer at 20s., to the use of the poor according to the Statute. Also the fine of John Barker was taxed at 10s., that of Ellenor Ramskarr at 20s., and that of Ric. Robinson at 5s., to the use of the King. And the fines were paid in Court.

Thomas Trippett of Shaftholme, yeoman, for on 1 Aug., 1637, at Bentley, being Constable there, negligently and contemptuously refusing to serve the warrant of Thomas Wentworth, Knight, and one of the justices, for the arrest of one Thomas Bancks for keeping the peace towards one Ralph Haighe, in contempt of the King and his laws, and to the manifest bad example of others. And now before the said Justices came the said Thomas Trippett, pleaded not guilty, and put himself on the country, etc. And Robert Benson, gent., who was for the King followed. Therefore a Jury was empanelled. And the Jurors, viz. William Jennings, gent., John Raney, Geo. Elwys, Martin Crosby, William Crawshaye, Thomas Bradford, William Stones, John Roberts, Robert Wharum, Ric. Ward, John Jenkinson, and John Dickinson came and said upon their oath that the said Thomas Trippett was not guilty. Therefore he is acquitted, etc. Witn., Ralph Haigh.

#### WETHERBY.

[fol. 14] General Sessions at, 9 Jan., 13 Chas. (1637-8), before Ferdinando Fairfax, Knight, Henry Goodricke, K<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Fairfax, Esq., Thomas Mauliverer, Esq<sup>r</sup>, and George Marwood,<sup>1</sup> Esq., Justices.

JURORS—John Pudsey of Rigton, gent., William Gill, gent., Peter Scadlethorpe, William Fletcher, John Jerman, John Bucktrout, Francis Pullen, Martin Archer, Martin Barber, Henry Dickonson, John Smythson, William Pickerd, Ric. Cullingworth, William Hodgshon, Francis Thackwerey, Thomas Skaife, and Robt. Thornton.

WHO PRESENT — William Warwicke of Knaresbrough, yeoman, and Henry Pauperman of the same, yeoman, for selling on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Knaresbrough, 28 partridges, and also for selling on the same day and place 16 partridges which were not “reared and brought upp” in any house or houses, nor brought from beyond the seas, against the Statute, 1 Jas. I.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sir George Marwood, created a Baronet Dec., 1660, was of Busby; bapt. at Stokesley, 28 April, 1601; died 19 Feb., 1679-80; buried at Belfreys, York; married Frances, dau. of Sir Walter Bethell, of Alne.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> See Statute, 1 James I, c. 27. “And be it further enacted, etc., that every person and persons which, at any time, etc., shall sell or buy to sell again any deer, hare, partridge, or pheasant (except partridges and pheasants reared and



Witn., Fran. Thompson, Tho. Acaister, Geo. Allen. Wm. Warwicke. William Warwicke puts himself. Hen. Pauperman confesses the indictment.

[14*d*] The said William Warwicke for at the same time and place keeping a "setting dogge," not being then in his own right or that of his wife seised of lands, etc., to the clear yearly value of £10 a year, or of any estate of inheritance, or lands, etc., for a term of lives of the clear yearly value of £30 a year to his own use, or that of his wife, nor being the son of a Knight, Baron of Parliament, or of any person of higher grade, nor the son and heir apparent of an Esquire, against the Statute, 1 James I. Witn., Fr. Thompson, Geo. Allen, Tho. Armistead. (Puts himself.)

The said William Warwicke for at the same time and place keeping 2 nets for taking partridges, not having lands, etc., as above. Same witnesses. (Puts himself.)

[fol. 15] Also for keeping a greyhound for coursing of "deare and heires," not having lands, etc., as above. Same witnesses. (Puts himself.)

The [said] Henry Pauperman for on 1 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Follifoote, keeping a "setting dogg and netts" for taking partridges, against the Statute, 7<sup>th</sup> James I.<sup>1</sup> Witn., Fr. Tompson, Geo. Allen. (Confesses the Indictment.)

William Bucke of Bewerley,<sup>2</sup> laborer, for breaking and entering on 20 Nov., 1637, at Buerley, the close of William Ingleby, Esq<sup>re</sup>, and cutting down and taking away an ash, value 4s. Witn., Christ<sup>r</sup> Dawson. (Confesses. His fine is taxed at 10s. Estreated.)

[15*d*] William Dowgill of Laerton,<sup>3</sup> laborer, for without the authority of the Justices keeping on the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Laerton, "a common tipling house, and there publicly selling ale and beare." Witn., Joh. Cawood, Geo. Holme. (At large.)

brought up in house or houses, or brought from beyond the seas) shall forfeit, etc., for every partridge ten shillings." One moiety of the forfeiture was to go to "him or them that will sue for the same," and the other moiety to the poor of the parish where the offence was committed.

<sup>1</sup> See Statute, 7 James I, c. 11. The penalty prescribed by this statute for taking any pheasants or partridges with setting dogs, nets, etc., was committal to "the common gaol" of the county wherein the offence was committed, or the party apprehended, there to remain for three months without bail or mainprize, unless the offender should pay to the churchwardens or overseers of the poor of the parish, where the offence had occurred, the sum of 20s. for every partridge or pheasant killed or taken.

<sup>2</sup> In the township of Dacre-with-Bewerley and parish of Ripon, Lower Division of Claro, threequarters of a mile from Pateley Bridge.

<sup>3</sup> Laverton, in the parish of Kirkby Malzeard, Lower Division of Claro, five miles from Masham.

Ric. Turner and Philip Turner, both of Skewsby, yeomen, for that, not having lands, etc., to the value of £100, they carried a gun loaded with powder and shot on their journeys when walking or riding, against the Statute. Witn., Anth. Jenison, Hen. Herrington, Jo. Fewsdale. (At large.)

Robert Hall, John Greene, sen<sup>r</sup>, John Greene, jun<sup>r</sup>, Robert Butler, and John Smyth, all of Kighley, laborers, for breaking and entering on the night of 10 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Eastburne,<sup>1</sup> the dwelling house of Richard Parkinson, and there assaulting Bridget his wife, and stealing 5s. in money, a chest value 16s., an iron range value 8s., 6 hens value 6s., and a gown value 10s., the property of the said Richard Parkinson. Witn., Ric. Parkinson, Bridget Parkinson. (At large.)

[fol. 16] Matthew Wood of Dacre, yeoman, for having on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1637, traced a hare at Dacre, and there followed its footprints in the snow, and killed it with greyhounds. Witn., Jo. Benson, Martin Umpleby. (At large.)

John Errington of Barnebowe, laborer, William Taylor of the same, laborer, Robt. Sayner of the same, laborer, and John Cooke *alias* "Irishe John" of Parlington, for assaulting on 20 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Barwicke, Francis Archer and John Cordin, and grievously wounding the same. Witn., Jo. Cordin, Fr. Archer, W<sup>m</sup> Saxton, La. Cornforth, Jo. Beiston. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

John Cooke *als.* "Irishe John" of Parlington, laborer, John Errington of Barnbowe, laborer, and William Taylor of the same, yeoman, for assaulting on 20 Dec., 1637, at Barwicke, Francis Archer and William Saxton and Lancelot Cornforth on the King's highway there. Same witnesses. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

[16*d*] George Darnebrooke of Bewerley, yeoman, for taking with a setting dog and nets 6 partridges on 12 Oct., 1637, at Bewerley. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Bucke, Jo. Bucke. (Puts himself.)

Hugh Bilton of Dunkeswicke,<sup>2</sup> laborer, for stealing on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Dunkeswicke, "lynnen yarne" to the value of 6*d.*, the property of Thomas Duckett. Also Isabel Bilton of Beckwith, widow, for receiving and maintaining him knowing of the above felony. Witness, confession. (Imprisoned in York Castle.)

George Leedom of Rippon, laborer, and Thomas Stevenson of Bramup, laborer, for stealing and driving away on 31 Oct.,

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Kildwick, East Division of Staincliffe, liberty of Clifford's Fee, two and a half miles from Keighley.

<sup>2</sup> Keswick, Dun, in the parish of Harewood, Upper Division of Claro, seven miles from Wetherby.



1637, at Bramupp, a cow, color branded, value £3, the property of William Pickerd. Witn., Wm. Pickerd, Rob. Danson. (At large.)

[fol. 17] Elizabeth Burton of Walton head,<sup>1</sup> spinster, for stealing on 2 Dec., 1637, at Walton head, a goose, value 12*d.*, the property of Susanna Space. Witn., Susanna Space. (Confesses, and to be whipped.)

Geoffrey Moore of Pannell, laborer, and Ric. Pearson of the same, yeoman, for assaulting on 3<sup>d</sup> Nov., 1637, at Walton head, Robert Burton, and maltreating him. (Confess, and each fine taxed at 12*d.*, paid to Sheriff.)

### WAKEFEILD.

[fol. 18] General Sessions held at, 11 Jan., 13 Chas. (1637-8), before William Savile, Bar<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Bland, Knight, John Ramsden, K<sup>t</sup>, John Savile, K<sup>t</sup>, Geo. Wentworth, K<sup>t</sup>, John Kay,<sup>2</sup> Esq., John Farrer, Esq., Thomas Thornhill,<sup>3</sup> and Henry Ramsden, Vicar of Halifax, Justices, etc.

JURORS — Michael Greene of Horsforth, gent., Antony Allen, gent., Robt. Waterhouse, gent., Abraham Beamond, gent., Conon Middleton, gent., John Mathewe, Geo. Thornton, Robt. Thornton, Chris<sup>r</sup> Lawson, Francis Mason, Joseph Bower, John Jowett, Francis Stocke, Robt. Houle, John Dawson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Burrow, and William Glover.

WHO PRESENT — William Thompson of Ferri Friston, laborer, for burglariously entering on the 20 Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1637, the dwelling house of John Loft at Statton, between the hours of 10 and 12 at night, and stealing therefrom "seaven peeces of woollen cloath," value £16, the property of one George Hudson. Also Henry Birkenshawe of the same place, laborer, for that, knowing thereof, he on the 22 Oct<sup>r</sup> aforesaid received and maintained the said William Thompson. Witn., Jo. Loft, Joan Birkinshaw, Geo. Hudson. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> In the township of Follyfoot and parish of Kirkby Overblow, six miles from Knaresborough.

<sup>2</sup> John Kay was son of Robert Kay, of Woodsome, near Huddersfield, who also was J.P. John Kay was bapt. at Almondbury, 26 Oct., 1578, and buried there, 25 Jan., 1641-2. His wife was Anne, dau. of Sir John Ferne, Knt., one of the Council of the North. That interesting old house, Woodsome, is still owned by his descendant in the female line, the Earl of Dartmouth.—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Thornhill, Esq., of Fixby, succeeded his brother John, who also had been J.P., May, 1611. He was bapt. at Elland, 6 June, 1585, and buried there, 25 Feb., 1667-8. He married Anne, dau. of Thomas Trigot, Esq. Their descendant in the female line still possesses Fixby, which has become the well-known golf club.—J.W.C.



[18*d*] Edw<sup>d</sup> Duncalfe of Wooley, "taylor," and Robt. Crooke of the same, butcher, for stealing on 20 Dec., 1637, at Wakefeild, "a peece of iron," value 18*d*., the property of Elizab. Tayler, widow. Witn., Geo. Wynterbom, Edw. Tayler. (At large.)

Thomas Haighe of Lynthwaite, laborer, for stealing on 24 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Lynthwaite,<sup>1</sup> "two weathers," value 10*s*., the property of one John Haigh. Witn., Jo. Haighe, . . . . . France. (Puts himself, guilty to xs., no chattels, to be whipped.)

Isabel Roades of Allerton, spinster, for stealing on 20 Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Allerton in Bradford Dale, "fower coppins<sup>2</sup> of yarne," value 8*d*., the property of John Lister. (Puts herself, guilty, no chattels, to be whipped.)

William Tompson of Ferri friston, laborer, for stealing on 22 Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Mirfeild, "a dublet, and a paire of britches," value 10*s*., the property of Francis Hopwood, and 10*s*. in money, the property of the same. Witn., Jo. Hopwood, Ja. Batman, Ja. Verley. (At large.)

John Fawcett of Emley, butcher, for stealing on 26 Dec., 1637, at Shitlington,<sup>3</sup> "a weather sheepe," value 6*s*., the property of William Armitage. Witn., Wm. Armitage, W. Wilcock, Jo. Beamond. (At large.)

[fol. 19] Isabel Becham of Wakefeild, spinster, and Mary Hatfeild of the same, widow, for stealing on 20 Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Wakefeild, "a peece of fleshe *vocat.* beefe," value 18*d*., the property of Robt. Senior. Witn., Ro. Senior. (Becham puts herself, not guilty. Hatfeild puts herself, guilty.)

George Thornton of Seacroft, laborer, for stealing on 10 Nov., 1637, at Swillington, "thirteene sheepe," value £4 6*s*. 8*d*., the property of William Pickering, clerk. Witn., Ric. Hagg, Rich. Bray. (At large.)

The same for stealing on 20 Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Wakefeild, "11 sheepe," value £3 6*s*. 8*d*., the property of Hugh Wentworth. Witn., Hugh Wentworth, W<sup>m</sup> Armitage. (At large.)

Robert Sheppard *als.* Leadbeater of Whitley, laborer, for stealing on 8 Jan., 1637-8, at Whitley, *unum diploidem, Angl.* "a dublett," *unum par caligarum, Angl.* "a paire of breeches,"

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Almondbury, Agbrigg Division of Agbrigg and Morley, liberty of Wakefield, three miles from Huddersfield.

<sup>2</sup> "Coppins," "cops." In Halliwell's *Dictionary* a "coppin" is described as a piece of yarn taken from the spindle. The word has scarcely yet died out in the West Riding, where it was, until quite recently, used as synonymous with the word "cop," which is the word now applied to the conical ball of yarn wound upon a spindle or tube in a spinning machine (*N.E.D.*).

<sup>3</sup> Over, Middle, and Nether, in the parish of Thornhill, Agbrigg Division of Agbrigg and Morley.

value 13s. 4d., the property of Mathew Thompson. Witn., Tho. Williamson, Math. Thompson. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[19d] Mary Marshall, wife of Thomas Marshall of Ossett, laborer, for stealing on 9 Jan., 1637-8, at Ossett, a goose, value 14d., the property of Tho. Edge. Witn., Thos. Edge. (Puts herself, guilty to 4d., no chattels.)

William North of Kirkheaton, laborer, and Edw<sup>d</sup> Brooke of the same, laborer, for stealing on Nov. 23, 1637, at Kirkheaton, *tria sata avenarum*, *Angl.* "three stroaks of oats," value 2s. 6d., the property of a man unknown. Witness, confession. (Put themselves, guilty to 3d., no chattels.)

Mary Bentley *als.* Blakeborne of Hipperholme, spinster, for stealing on 1 Dec., 1637, at Hipperholme, a hen, value 6d., the property of John Thorp. Witness, confession. (Puts herself, guilty to 2d., no chattels.)

William Lister of Hallifax, "cowper," for stealing on 1 Sept., 1637, at Halifax, "twelve sheepe skins," value 4s., the property of Thomas Wade. Witness, confession. (Puts himself, guilty to 12d., no chattels.)

[fol. 20] Matilda Charlesworth of Wakefeild, spinster, and Marmaduke Pepper of the same, laborer, for stealing on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1637, at Holmfirth, *duas tunicas*, *Angl.* two coats, and *unum galere* (a hat?), value between them 8s., the property of Mary Pepper. Witness, confession. (She puts herself, guilty to 13d., no chattels, is burnt; he guilty, likewise is burnt.)

Sara Jowett of Bradford, spinster, for stealing on 20 Nov., 1637, at Wyke, 5 yards of woollen cloth, value 2s., the property of Ric. Nettleton. Witn., Jo. Netleton. (Puts herself, guilty to 8d., no chattels.)

Dorothy Horner of Roodes, spinster, for stealing on 26 Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Bradford, "12 lether purses, two dozen of tiffaines,<sup>1</sup> nine silk gairdles, one pound of threed," value between them 40s., the property of Robt. Roberts. Witn., Magdalena ——. (Puts herself, guilty to 20d., no chattels, is burnt.)

Jane Watson of Seacroft, spinster, for stealing on 7 Jan., 1637-8, at Seacroft, a hen, value 8d., the property of John Thornton. Witn., Cicily Thornton. (At large.)

[20d] Thomas Hollings of Clayton, clothier, for stealing on 15 April, 1637, at Wyke, 20 yards of woollen cloth, value 40s., the property of Ric. Kershay. Witn., Ric. Kershay,

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Johnson explains "tiffany" as "very thin silk," and quotes Brown (Sir Thos.): "The smoak of sulphur will not black a paper, and is commonly used by women to whiten 'tiffanies.'"



Jo. Kershay. (At large. Indictment quashed, because previously acquitted.)

Mary Hatfeild of Wakefeild, widow, and Isabel Beecham of the same, spinster, for breaking into and entering on 7 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, the dwelling house of one Ric. Haigh at Staincrosse, and stealing therefrom "a coate, a dublett, and a paire of breeches," value 3s. 8d., the property of the said Ric. Haigh. Witn., Ric. Haigh, Jo. Briggs. (Hatfeild puts herself, not guilty; Beecham puts herself, guilty, is burnt.)

George Thornton of Misterton, Notts., laborer, for stealing on 1 Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1637, at Warmfeild, 9 sheep, value 40s., the property of Ric. Williamson. Witn., Ric. Williamson. (At large.)

[fol. 21] William Shann, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Methley, yeoman, for having, on 20 Sept., 1637, at Methley, discharged "a hand gun loaded with powder and hayle shott at certain pidgeons," and unlawfully killed and taken away two of them. Witn., Ro. Stringer, Rich. Fedling. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Thomas Salvin of Shereborne, gent., and Edward Ougle of the same, gent., for assaulting and grievously wounding on 1 Nov., 1637, at Shereborne, one W<sup>m</sup> Stable. Witn., Wm. Stable, Mich. Turpin. (At large. Protested that they were not guilty, but submitted themselves to the clemency of the Court. Fine taxed at 5s. each, paid to Sheriff.)

John Stead, laborer, Grace his wife, Thomas Stead his son, Henry Scolefeild, William Stead, laborer, Roger Etacke, and Grace Brooke, spinster, all of Ossett, for unlawfully entering on 10 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1637, a close of one Robert Kay, gent., called the Haigh at Ossett, and spoiling the grass there growing by trampling with their feet, and throwing down the hedges there. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Beamond, Sara Beamond, Rob. Bargh, W<sup>m</sup> Beamond. (And afterwards, to wit at Pontefract, on 3 April, 1638, each of them confessed the Indictment, and the fine of each is taxed at 12d., and it is paid to the Sheriff in Court. And so let them go thereof quit.)

John Hollings of Rawden, yeoman, for, on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1637, and divers other days, both before and after, not sufficiently repairing and maintaining his hedges and fences. Therefore a pain is imposed upon him to sufficiently repair the same under a penalty of £10 before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. (Respited, appeared at Hallifax 3 Oct., 1638, and quashed.)

[21d] William Wood of North Byerley, laborer, and John Barraclough of the same, laborer, for breaking into and entering on 20 Sept., 1637, at Wyke, the house of Richard Rookes, gent., and stealing therefrom three boards and two peeces of wood,



value 4s., the property of the said Rich<sup>d</sup> Rookes. Witn., Ric. Rookes. (Confessed; fine of each of them is taxed at 6*d*.)

William Beamont of Ossett, clothier, for assaulting and maltreating on 20 Dec., 1637, at Ossett, one Henry Scolefeild. Witn., Hen. Scolefeild. (Confessed; fine taxed at 2s. 6*d*., estreated.)

Edward Lumme of Seacroft, yeoman, for unlawfully entering on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1637, at Seacroft, a close of one Giles Ball, called Calverley Close, and trampling on the grass there growing and throwing down the hedges. Witn., Chris<sup>r</sup> Greene, Clement Ball. (At large.)

William Shan of Methley, yeoman, for having on 15 Sept., 1637, at Whitwood, commonly called Whitwood pond, "dischardged a handgun loaded with powder and hayle shott" at certain wild ducks, and unlawfully killed and taken away two of them. Witn., Tho. Hodgson. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 22] William Marshall of Sandall, husbandman, for, on the 2 Oct., 1637, having been served with a writ of *subpena* from this Court to appear at the General Sessions at Hallifax, and testify in the case Rex *v.* Jervase Booth and another, he did at Sandall contemptuously refuse to so appear and testify, to the serious damage of Anne Norton, widow, and against the Statute. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Thompson, Anne Norton. (Puts himself.)

John Shann of Methley, yeoman, for having on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, at Whitwood, commonly called Whitwood pond, "dischardged a hand gun loaded with powder and haile shott" at certain wild ducks, and unlawfully killed and taken away 4 of them. Witn., Tho. Hodgson. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

William Shann of Methley, jun<sup>r</sup>, yeoman, for having on 31 March, 1637, at Methley, fired "a hand gun chardged with powder and haile shott at certain pidgeons," and killed and taken away 4 of them. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Duddins. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[22*d*] Robert Shann of Methley, jun<sup>r</sup>, yeoman, and William Shann of the same, yeoman, for using on 10 Sept., 1636, at Methley, certain nets for taking and destroying hares, and at the same time in a place called the White yards unlawfully killing and taking away a hare with the said nets. Witn., Tho. Hodgson. (Robert at large; William puts himself, guilty, fine 20s.)

W<sup>m</sup> Shann of Methley, jun<sup>r</sup>, yeoman, for having on 10 Sept., 1636, at Methley, fired a hand gun at certain partridges, and

killed and taken away three of them. Witn., Rob. Stringer, Ric. Fidling. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Hugh Prestley of Fixbie, clothier, for assaulting and maltreating on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1637, at Dewsbury, Michael Robinson. Witn., Mich. Robinson, Daniel Broadley. (Confesses, fine 5s., paid to Sheriff, estreated.)

[fol. 23] Edmund Mawde of Burley, n<sup>r</sup> Ottley, yeoman, and William Wayte of the same, yeoman, for having on 23 Dec., 1637, at Haukesworth, traced and destroyed hares by following their footprints in the snow, against the Statute, etc. Witn., Tho. Johnson. (Let the indictment be quashed for Edward Mawde only; Wayte at large.)

John Fleeming of Wakefeild, gent., for keeping and maintaining on 1 Jan., 1637-8, in his house at Wakefeild, one Richard Cottin, as subtenant, with the intent of charging the inhabitants of Wakefeild with him as a pauper, in contempt of the King's laws, etc. Witn., R. Margerison. (At large.)

Robert Margerison, Thomas Haworth, and Robert Siddall, all of Wakefeild, yeomen, for breaking and entering on 30 Nov., 1637, at Wakefeild, the house of John Fleeming, and stealing therefrom *duas pecias enei, Angl.* "a dripping pann and a chafing dish," and *unum par forcipum, Angl.* "a paire of Tongs," value 10s., the property of the said John Fleeminge. Witn., Ric. Cotton, Sar. Cotton, Mary Smith. (All at large.)

Richard Joanes of Wakefeild, laborer, for unlawfully taking and detaining in his custody on 31 Aug., 1637, divers books, value £20, the property of Geo. Bywater. Witn., Geo. Bywater, Jo. Vance. (Puts himself, guilty, but judgment respited, because the Court wishes to be further advised.)

[23d] Robert Sayner of Barnebowe, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating on 17 Nov., 1637, at Barwick in Elmet, one Lancelot Corneforth. Witn., Jo. Cooke. (At Pontefract, 3 April, 1638, confesses, and fine is taxed at 2s. 6d.)

The same, for assaulting and maltreating on 23 Dec., 1637, at Barwick in Elmet, one Robert Sherwood. Witn., Fra. Archer, W<sup>m</sup> Thorpp, Jo. Corden, Stephen Shipper. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 2s. 6d.)

Lawrence Browne of Wakefeild, yeoman, and Henry Thompson of the same, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 30 Nov., 1637, at Wakefeild, one Alice the wife of John Dawson. Witn., Jerem. Maude, Rob. Johnson, Ja. Child, Alice Dawson. (Puts himself, removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

[fol. 24] That the "fenses" and hedges within the parish of Bingley between a place called Birkclose gate and Potter



gate are now in great decay through lack of repair. Therefore a pain of £40 is laid on the inhabitants of Byngley that they sufficiently repair the same before Easter next. Witn., Sam. Wood.

A pain is laid upon the inhabitants of Little Gomersall that they sufficiently repair the King's highway leading between the house of Robt. Coucliffe and the house of Ric. Liversedge, sen<sup>r</sup>, before the 1<sup>st</sup> May next under a penalty of £10. Witn., Jo. Gomersall. (Upon certificate lodged in Court the penalty is remitted.)

A pain of £20 is laid on the inhabitants of Rastricke that they sufficiently repair the King's highway between Wakefeild and Ealand in a certain place near Bradley head and Rastricke Common, which is now in great decay through lack of repair, before Easter next, by the view of Thomas Thornhill, esq., one of the Justices.

A pain of £100 is laid upon the inhabitants of Fetherston, Snyderall, Purston, Heath, and Stanley, that they repair the King's highway between Wakefeild and Pontefract before the next Sessions after the close of Easter.

#### BARNSLEY.

[fol. 25] General Sessions at, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 13 Chas. (1637-8), before Francis Wortley, knight and bar<sup>t</sup>, William Savile, bar<sup>t</sup>, Geo. Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, William West, Francis Nevile.<sup>1</sup> and Robert Rockley, esquires, Justices.

JURORS — Parcivall Hobson, gent., John Revell, gent., Robt. Chappell, gent., Nich. Wood, gent., Will. Brodehead, gent., Thomas Roades, gent., John Saunderson, gent., Ric. Trees, gent., Geo. Wade, gent., Francis Hogley, gent., Will. Abson, gent., Mich. Hogley, Antony Goodwin, Francis Morton, and Reginald Thompson.

WHO PRESENT — Ellen Flaxton of Carre, spinster, for stealing on 4 Dec., 1637, at Carr, £4 in money, the property of Henry Read. Witn., confession. (Committed to York Castle.)

Thomas Travise of Thriughbergh, for stealing on 6 Jan., 1637-8, at Thriughbergh, "a gavelocke," value 20d., the property of Thomas Bilclyffe. Witn., Tho. Bilclyffe. (Puts himself, guilty to 12d., no chattels.)

<sup>1</sup> Francis Nevile, Esq., of Chevet, son of Henry Nevile of the same place, and Eleanor Sandford, was a Royalist and heavily fined. He married (1) Rosamond, dau. of Cyril Arthington, Esq.; (2) Anne Tankerd, of Brampton.—J.W.C.



[25*d*] Henry Casson of Barnesley, laborer, for stealing on 1 Nov., 1637, at Barnesley, "halfe a pounce of sugar," value 12*d.*, and "a peice of beife," value 4*d.*, the property of Perceval Thrifte. Witn., Sar. Thrift, Perc. Thrift, Sar. Slater. (Puts himself, guilty to 12*d.*, no chattels, to be whipped.)

Richard West of Horton in Bradfordale, laborer, for stealing on 20 Nov., 1637, at Carcroft<sup>1</sup>, "a brasse pann," value 1*s.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Foster. Witn., Tho. Allen, Ric. Wilson, Jo. Bramley. (At large.)

Willm. Rawson and William Rawlin, both of Wakefeild, laborers, for breaking into and entering on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1637, at Wadesley, a close of Henry Swifte, and stealing therefrom the wool of 7 sheep, value 10*s.*, and one sheep, value 4*s.*, the property of the said Henry Swift. Witn., confession. (Each puts himself, guilty, no chattels, clerks, to be burnt.)

John Hunter of Ecclesall, laborer, for stealing on 30 June, 1637, at Ecclesall, nineteen "sithes," value 40*s.*, the property of Edward Barnes. Witn., Edw. Barnes. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 26] Jervase Wood, sen<sup>r</sup>, Jervase Wood, jun<sup>r</sup>, both of Wortley, laborers, Francis Strafforth, and Francis Strafforth, jun<sup>r</sup>, both of Stainebrough, laborers, for stealing on 26 Dec., 1637, at Stainebrough, "eleaven stone" of iron, value 12*s.*, the property of Jervase Cutler, knight. Witn., Daniel Riche, Sam Drury, Rob. Drury. (At large. Jer. Wood, sen<sup>r</sup>, puts himself, guilty to 11*s.*, a clerk, burned, discharged; Jer. Wood, jun<sup>r</sup>, at large; both Strafforths at large, Put themselves, guilty.)

George Holland of Cowicke, laborer, for stealing on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1637-8, at Cowick, *tria sata siliginis, Angl.* "three pecks of rye," value 6*d.*, and *tres catenas ferri, Angl.* "three iron teames," value 4*d.*, the property of Thomas Dawney, knight. Witn., Geo. Armstrong. (Puts himself, guilty, no chattels, to be whipped.)

Antony Smith of Sheffield, laborer, for stealing on 23 Nov., 1637, "nine grosse of points"<sup>2</sup> (*duodenas ligularum*), value 13*s.* 4*d.*, the property of Peter Baxter. Witn., Peter Baxter. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

John Saunderson of Epworth, co. Lincoln, yeoman, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1637, at Wortley, a white mare, value 26*s.* 8*d.*, the property of Richard Cressye. Witn., William

<sup>1</sup> In the township and parish of Owston, liberty of Pontefract, six miles from Doncaster.

<sup>2</sup> Tagged laces, used in dress.

Parkin, Pet. Partricke, William Cressye. (Committed to York Castle, and there found guilty and hanged by the neck.)

[26*d*] Nich. Crosley *als.* Walker of Thorpp, laborer, for stealing on 31 Dec., 1637, at Thorpp, "a flicke of bacon," value 2s., the property of Mich<sup>l</sup> Nawte. Witn., Nic. Crosley. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels . . . . .)

Christiana Barneby of Rotheram, spinster, for stealing on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1637, at Rotheram, "one pecke of malt," value 12*d.*, the property of James Hugall. Also Dionisia Crosley, for knowingly receiving the said Christiana on the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. Witn., James Hugall. (Put themselves, guilty to 12*d.*, no chattels, to be whipped.)

Francis Sharpe of Woolley, "linning webster," for stealing on 20 Nov., 1637, at Woolley, sixty yards of boards, value 4s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Savage. Witn., Will. Savage. (Puts himself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels, to be whipped.)

John Hirst of Ulley, laborer, for stealing on 20 Nov., 1637, at Ulley, a wether, value 10s., the property of John Burrowes. Witn., Redmond Clarke, John Burrowes. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Henry Arderon of Hoyland, laborer, and Ann his wife, for stealing on 27 Dec., 1637, at Thurgoland, three geese, value 5s., the property of Mich<sup>l</sup> Clarke. Witn., Mich. Clarke. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

[fol. 27] Thomas Hudson of Wathe, laborer, and Alexander Adwicke of Rawmarsh, laborer, for stealing on 8 Jan., 1637-8, at Swinton, two sheep, value 4s. each, the property of Humfrey Phesant. Witn., Hum. Phesant. (. . . . . to 12*d.*, no chattels, to be whipped.)

John Hirst of Ulla,<sup>1</sup> for stealing on 8 Nov., 1637, at Gilthwate, a wether, value 6s., the property of George Westby, gent. Witn., Nich. Robinett. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Edward Ashford and Henry Illingworth, both of Sheffield, laborers, for stealing on 18 Oct., 1637, at Sheffield, four lambs, value 10s., the property of Thomas Dale. Witn., Tho. Dale, Joan Illingworth, Tho. Mathew. (Edward at large; Henry puts himself, guilty, no chattels, a clerk, is burnt.)

Anne Dunninge of Tervin, co. Chester, widow, for assaulting on 6 Jan., 1637-8, at Sheffield, Anne Channer, wife of Thomas Channer, and stealing from her a purse, value 2*d.*, and 11s. in money therein, the property of the said Thomas Channer.

<sup>1</sup> Ulley, or Brampton-Ulley, in the parishes of Treeton and Aston, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, four miles from Rotherham.



Witn., Tho. Channer. (Puts herself, committed to York Castle.)

Richard Wilton and Robert Marr, both of Tickhill, laborers, for stealing on 26 Dec., 1637, at Tickhill, a ewe sheep, value 4s., the property of Antony Spencer. Witn., An. Spencer. (Put themselves, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels, to be whipped.)

Elizabeth Revell of Braywell, spinster, for stealing on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1637, at Braywell, "halfe a pecke of wheate meale," value 4*d.*, half a pound of wool, value 4*d.*, the property of John Ashton. Witn., Joh. Ashton. (Puts herself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels, to be whipped.) Also Helen Armirie, wife of Christopher Armire of the same place, laborer, for knowingly receiving the said Elizabeth on the 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

[27*d*] Ralph Johnson of Wakefeild, laborer, and Elizabeth his wife, for stealing on 1 Dec., 1637, at Warmfeild, a coverlet (*coreal.*), value 16s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Staincliffe. Witn., Will. Staincliffe. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

John Walker of Barnesley, laborer, for stealing on 20 Nov., 1637, at Gilthwate, an apron (*mantelum*), value 4*d.*, a shirt band (*sunum*), value 2*d.*, a hankercheif (*sindarium*), value 3*d.*, and a coife (*velamen*), value 3*d.*, the property of John Burrowes. Witness, confession. (At large.)

Frances Eastwood *als.* Baxter of Barnesley, wife of John Baxter, for stealing on 12 Nov., 1637, at Worstbrough, one pewther dish, value 12*d.*, the property of a man unknown. Witn., Isab. White. (Puts herself, guilty.)

John Michell of Birchworth, husbandman, for assaulting on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1637, at Birchworth, and maltreating Robert Marsden. Witn., Rog. Woodcock. (Bound. Puts himself, fine 5s., estreated, Rotheram, 9 July, 1638.)

[fol. 28] Henry Topcliffe of Sheffield, laborer, for assaulting on 31 Oct., 1637, at Sheffield, Katherine Stainforth. Witn., Ka. Stainforth, Nic. Stainforth. (Confesses, fine 5s., paid to Sheriff, estreated.)

Faith Holmer, wife of Calum Holmer of Sheffield, laborer, for assaulting on 30 Nov., 1637, at Sheffield, and maltreating Mary Jackson. Witn., Ma. Jackson, Anne Youle, Eliz. Oxspring, Eliz. Clayton, R. Anderton. (Confesses, fine 5s., paid to Sheriff, estreated.)

William Purdie of Frickley, gent., for that, on the 20 Dec., 1637, at Frickley, not having lands in fee or offices of the yearly value of £100, he carried a handgun charged with powder and hail shot, and walked or rode with the same, not being in service of war, against the peace, and the form of the Statute, etc.



Witn., Chr. Fletcher. (Respited until the next Sessions, after the feast of St Thomas the Martyr next to come.)

Richard Brooke of Clayton, tanner, and Cicily his wife, Elizabeth Brooke and Mary Brooke of the same, spinsters, for assaulting on 1 Jan., 1637-8, at Shelley, and maltreating Edward Senior. Witn., Edr. Sonyer, Wil. Hepworth. (Removed by writ of *certiorari* in Easter Term, 1638.)

[28*d*] John Creakhill of Doncaster, yeoman, for having on 7 Jan., 1637-8, at Armethorpe, "shott with a handgun charged with powder and hayle shott 2 pigeons," and killed and taken away the same. Witn., Jo. Newsome, Fr. Snyder. (At large.)

Richard Iles of Ferry friston, yeoman, for stealing on 1 Oct., 1637, at Ferry friston, a mare, "color baye," value 40s., the property of Richard Fountance. Witn., Ri. Fountance, Jo. Mooreby. (At large.)

Thomas Carr of Hunshelfe, yeoman, for breaking and entering on 6 Sept., 1637, at Hunshelfe, the close of Robert Marsden, and spoiling his corn there growing. Witn., Jo. Walton, Rob. Marsden. (At large.)

Elizabeth Cubbage, wife of John Cubbage of Silkstone, laborer, for assaulting on 25 Sept., 1637, at Offspringe, Richard Cubbage, and maltreating him. Witn., Ri. Cubbage, Ralph Cooke, Dor. Burnitt. (Confesses, fine 12*d*., paid to Sheriff.)

[fol. 29] William Shore of Hooton, yeoman, for, on Dec. 31, 1637, carrying a handgun charged with powder and hail shot, not having lands nor offices, etc., nor being in service of war. Witn., Chr. Fletcher. (Respited until the next Sessions after the feast of St Thomas the Martyr next to come.)

Richard Iles of Ferry friston, yeoman, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1637, at Ferry friston, a black mare, value 40s., the property of Ralph Wilson. Witn., Ric. Fountance, Joh. Moreby. (At large.)

Henry Earnshawe and Will. Radcliffe, both of Treeton, husbandmen, for breaking and entering on 8 Jan., 1637-8, at Aughton,<sup>1</sup> the close of Francis Fane,<sup>2</sup> Knight of the Noble Order of the Bath, and the Lady Elizabeth his wife, commonly called Hell Mother Hill, and there, with a greyhound, hunting and killing a doe, without any lawful title or authority. Witn., Will. Smith. (Confess, fine 20s., paid to Sheriff, estreated.)

<sup>1</sup> In the township of Aston-with-Aughton and parish of Aston, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, four miles from Rotherham.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Francis Fane, K.B., of Fulneck, Lincolnshire, and Aston, Yorks., second surviving son of Francis Fane, 1st Earl of Westmorland, by Elizabeth, widow of John, Lord Darcy, eldest daughter of Wm. West, of Firbeck, Yorks. Died 1681, buried in chancel of Aston Church. He was father of Sir Francis Fane, the dramatist.—*D.N.B.*

John Turner of Sheffield, laborer, for having in his house at Sheffield, on 1 Jan., 1637-8, divers unknown persons living and dwelling with him, to the great danger of all the inhabitants of Sheffield to be infected with contagious diseases, and also to the impoverishment of that parish, and charging it with a multitude of paupers, to the bad example of other the King's subjects. Witn., Jo. Bowman, Wil. Stanyforth, Hen. Fowler. (Puts himself, bound.)

[29*d*] William Bostocke of Peniston, yeoman, for that, on 1 Dec., 1637, at Peniston, he retained one William Bostocke as sub-tenant or inmate of his house, and did not allot or assign four acres of land to the same house to be measured, etc., according to the form of the Statute, to the great grievance of all the inhabitants of the parish of Peniston, etc. Witn., An. Micklethwaite. (Quashed in Court.)

James Burley of Whiston, laborer, Nicholas Bullas of Catcliffe, laborer, and Richard Tayler of Whiston, laborer, for that, on the 18 Nov., 1637, at Brampton, having in their custody one John Walker by virtue of a warrant from William West, esq., one of the King's Justices of the Peace for the West Riding, to put him in the house of correction there for safe keeping, they nevertheless guarded him so negligently that he was allowed to go at large, in contempt of our Lord the King, etc. Witn., John Shoer. (Each of them confesses the Indictment, and the fine of each is taxed at 6s. 8*d*.)

Robert Jepson *als.* Astimore of Ardesley, laborer, for stealing on 30 Sept., 1637, at Barnesley, three bushels of wheat, value 15s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Johnson. Witn., Joane Johnson. (Puts himself.)

Robert Marsden of Roughbircworth,<sup>1</sup> labourer, for assaulting on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1637, at Roughbircworth, John Mitchell, and maltreating him. Witn., Jo. Mitchell. (At large. Puts himself, fine taxed at 10s., Rotheram, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1638.)

[fol. 30] Thomas Allen of Skelbrooke, laborer, for that on 27 Oct., 1637, at Haughton magna, having in his custody one Richard West by virtue of a warrant from Edw. Rodes, knight, one of the Justices, to put him in the house of correction there (*sic*), he nevertheless kept the said Richard West so negligently that he permitted him to go at large where he wished. Witn., Jo. Bramley. (Confesses, fine 10s., paid to Sheriff.)

Thomas Swift of Sheffield, laborer, for having, on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1637-8, at Sheffield, and keeping in his house certain unknown

<sup>1</sup> Hamlet in the township of Oxspring and parish of Penistone, liberty of Pontefract, two miles from Penistone.



persons living with him to the great peril of all the inhabitants of Sheffeld being infected with contagious diseases, and burdened with a great number of poor. Witn., Jo. Bowman, W<sup>m</sup> Stanyforth, Hen. Fowler. (Exonerated for insufficient evidence.)

William Smith of Wortley, yeoman, Anne, his wife, John Smith of the same, joiner, for assaulting on 1 March, 1637, at Wortley, and maltreating Richard Berrye. Witn., Ric. Berrye, Nic. Dowshaye, Jo. Parker, Ri. Smith, Maria Smithe, Eliz. Smith. (Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, and the fine is taxed at 5s.)

John Smith *als.* Rawlinge of Wortley, joiner, and Willm. Smith of the same, yeoman, for assaulting on 20 Oct., 1637, at Worsbroughe, and maltreating Richard Berrye. Witn., Ric. Berrye, Will. Hinchcliffe, Fran. Berrye. ("Both at large" in the margin, but "Puts himself, fine taxed at 5s." written above William Smith, in the body of the entry.)

Ellen Flaxton of Carre, spinster, for stealing on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1637, at Carr, £4 in money, the property of Hen. Reade. Witness, by examinations and confessions. (Committed to York Castle, and there found not guilty.)

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### PONTEFRACT.

[fol. 31] General Sessions at, 3<sup>d</sup> April, 14 Chas. (1638). Before William, Lord Critchton, Ferdinando Fairfax, knight, William Savile, bart<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Bland,<sup>1</sup> k<sup>t</sup>, George Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Fairfax, esq., John Kay, esq., William West, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., Robt. Rockley, esq., John Farrer, esq., and Thomas Thornhill, esq., Justices.

JURORS — Francis Bunye, esq., William Fortman, yeoman, William Baynes of Bentley, yeom., John Wright, yeom., Thomas Bradforth, yeom., Francis Clarke, yeom., Daniel Thorpe, Thomas Revell, yeom., Samuel Rushforth, gent., Robert Lynley, William Roberts, Robt. Hawkesworth, W<sup>m</sup> Hanley, John Twisleton, and John Beamont.

WHO PRESENT — John Carter of Soyland, laborer, for stealing on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 1637(-8), at Soyland, one ewe sheep,

<sup>1</sup> Of Kippax Park, son of Sir Thomas, Knt., J.P., who built the mansion, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heiress of Thomas Eastoft, Esq., of Redness. He married Katharine, eldest daughter of John, Lord Savile of Howley.—J.W.C.



value 6s., the property of Tho. Mitchell. Witn., Tho. Mitchell. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Frances Thompson, wife of John Thompson of Hallifax, laborer, for stealing on 20 Dec., 1637, at Northowram, *unum velamen, Angl.* "a matterise," value 2s., the property of Richard Viccars. Witn., Ric. Viccars. (Puts herself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

[31*d.*] Joseph Walker of Thurstonland, laborer, for stealing on 20 Jan., 1637(-8), at Thurstonland, a wether sheep, value 4s., the property of John Noble. Witn., Math. Noble. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Debora Midleton of Hambleton,<sup>1</sup> spinster, for stealing on 26 March, 1638, at Hambleton, five hens, value 18*d.*, and a capon, value 8*d.*, the property of Robert Lund. Also Luke Midleton of Munk friston, laborer, for on the same day at Munk friston, knowing thereof, receiving and harbouring her. Witness, confession. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

Elizabeth Spofforth, wife of W<sup>m</sup> Spofforth of Whitley, laborer, for stealing on 31 Jan., 1637(-8), at Whitley, one sheep, value 4s., the property of Robt. Scoley. Witn., Ro. Scoley, Willm. Croft. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

Margaret Lumme of Midling, spinster, for stealing on 27 Jan., 1637(-8), at Midling, *has parcellas sequentes*, viz. "a silver spoone, a brasse mortar, a brasse skellet,<sup>2</sup> and a furr planke," value 5s., the property of Mathew Vanvalkenbirdge, esq. Also Robert White of Hatefeild Woodhouse, laborer, for that, knowing thereof, he on the following day there received and harboured her. Witn., Edw. Southworth. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

[fol. 32] John Wilkinson of Hallifax, "tayler," for stealing on 20 Feb., 1637(-8), at Hallifax, from the shop (*officina*) of one John Smyth, 19 yards of woollen cloth value 36s., "a packe cloath" value 5s. Also "five stone of wooll" value £4, and a piece of linen cloth value 12*d.*, the property of the said John Smyth. Witn., Edw. Bamforth, John Smyth. (Puts himself, guilty to 8s., no chattels, a clerk, is burnt.)

Margaret Foster of Barneby Dunn, widow, for stealing on 2<sup>d</sup> April, 1638, at Barneby Dunn, a hen and seven chickens, value 8*d.*, the property of Thomas Doughtie. Witn., Tho. Doughtie. (Puts herself, guilty to 4*d.*, no chattels, whipped.)

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Brayton, wapentake of Barkston Ash, 3¼ miles from Selby.

<sup>2</sup> "Skillet" is a small pot of iron, copper, or brass, with a long handle. (Halliwell).

John Montford of Tickhill, laborer, for stealing on 29 Jan., 1637(-8), at Tickhill, "a weather sheep," value 10s., the property of Ralph Hansbie, knight. Witn., Pet. Greenefeild, Will. Scaley. (Puts himself, guilty to 14*d.*, no chattels, a clerk, is burnt.)

William Northe of Dalton, laborer, for stealing on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1637(-8), at Kirkheaton, "7 pound of wooll," value 7s., the property of Richard Brooke. Witn., Daniel Nailer, Ric. Brooke, (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, whipped.)

[32*d*] John Armitage and Henry Wilson, both of Dalton, laborers, for stealing on 10 Nov., 1637, at Dalton, one stone of wool, value 10s., the property of Thomas Bennitt. Also Thomas Beamont of Almonbury, laborer, for that, knowing thereof, he did the following day there receive and harbour them. Witness, confession. (Put themselves, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, whipped.)

William Young of Weeton,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for stealing on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1637(-8), at Weeton, a girdle (*cingulum*) value 4s., "two payre of bootes" (*coclear.*) value 5s., and "a paire of showes" (*calcear.*) value 12*d.*, the property of George Laccocke. Witn., Geo. Laccocke. (Puts himself, guilty, a clerk, is burnt.)

John Barrett of Barleby, weaver, for perjury on the 5 Aug., 1637, at Tadcaster, when being a witness produced for Edw. Bairstowe in a matter of controversy then pending and being tried before George Vernon, Knight, one of the Justices of the King's Bench at the Assizes, having sworn on the holy gospels to speak the truth on the part of the said Edward against one James Lister, he swore and deposed as follows, *viz.* "he was present when the oxen in question was bought and sould, and that John Powle never bought nor sould for Edward Bairstowe"; whereas in truth and fact the said John Barrett was not present when the oxen were sold, and the said John Powle was servant of the said Edw. Bairstowe for buying and selling, so the Jurors aforesaid said on their oath that the said John Barrett has committed wilful perjury against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., James Lister. (At large. Puts himself, removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

[fol. 33] George Liddall of Kirkheaton, laborer, and Alvered Whitley of Dewsbury, laborer, for stealing on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1637(-8), at Churwell, a mare, "color blacke," value £3, the property of William Strickland. Witn., Godf. Petty, Mary Stead. (Both at large.)

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Harewood, Upper Division of Claro, six miles from Otley.



Thomas Creswicke, cutler, Anne Offerton, widow, and (*blank*) Greenwood, widow, all of Sheffield, for having on 1 March, 1637(-8), had and kept in their houses divers sub-tenants, being persons unknown, with the intent of burdening the inhabitants of Sheffield with a great number of poor. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Stamford. (All at large.)

James Parkin of Mortomley,<sup>1</sup> yeoman, for openly and publicly saying on 31 March, 1638, at Rotherham, concerning Sir Francis Wortley, knight and bart<sup>t</sup>, one of the King's Justices of the Peace for the West Riding, these scandalous, malicious, and contemptuous words following, viz. "I scorne Sr Francis Wortley's proposition with my arse, and I worshipp him with my arse," to the bad example of others and in contempt of the said Francis Wortley, etc. Witn., Henr. Bates, W<sup>m</sup> Dickson, Jo. Jonson. (At large.)

[33*d*] Ranulph Fearnley of Gomersall, yeoman, for assaulting on 17 Feb., 1637(-8), at Gomersall, and maltreating Anne Goodall. Witn., Anne Goodall, W<sup>m</sup> Goodall. (Puts himself, confesses the indictment, at Wakefeild, 9 July, 1638; the fine is taxed at 2s., and paid to Sheriff.)

Joseph Kay of Milnbrigg, blacksmith, for assaulting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1637(-8), at Lindley, and maltreating John Brooke. Witn., Jo. Brooke. (Confesses the indictment, and fine taxed at 12*d*.)

Richard Clarkeson, Thomas Rawson, John Becke, and William Senior, all of Wakefeild, butchers, for on the 26 Feb., 1637(-8), and on divers other days and times, both before and after, during Lent at Wakefeild, slaughtered ten calves and twenty sheep, and put them on sale to divers liege subjects of the King, against the form of the Statute, etc.<sup>2</sup> Witn., Ro. Senior, Isab. *ux*. John Briggs. (All except Becke confess the indictment, fine of each taxed at 6*d*., and paid to Sheriff.)

[fol. 34] Robert Senior, Laurence Cawthorne, and Thomas Hawkesworth, all of Wakefeild, butchers, for breaking and entering on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1637(-8), at Wakefeild, the house of one Robert Lile, and stealing therefrom a linen sheet (*lodicem*),

<sup>1</sup> In the township and parish of Ecclesfield, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, six miles from Rotherham.

<sup>2</sup> See Statute, 1 Jas. I, c. 29. By this Statute, entitled: "An Acte to encourage the Seamen of England, wherebie they may encrease to furnish the Navie of England," it was provided, "That no Butcher or other person, whether he be licenced or not licenced to kill Fleshe, shall from henceforth, at any tyme in the tyme of Lent, kill or dresse to the intent to put to sale any Oxe or Oxen, Beeves, Beevets, Hogges, Calves, Rammes, Ewes, or Weathers except Oxen or Beeves for victualling of Shippes into foreine partes, and except all Fleshe to be killed days next before Easter yeerlie."



value 18*d.*, the property of Richard Clarkeson. Witn., Fr. Rawson, Anne Lile, Mary Clarkson, Judith Hargill. (Senior puts himself. Cawthorne and Hawkesworth at large.)

The said Robert Senior, for assaulting on 24 March, 1637(–8), at Wakefeild, and maltreating Mary Clarkeson. Witn., Fr. Rawson, Mary Clarkson. (Puts himself.)

William Wray and Thomas Appleyard, both of Halifax, “joyners,” for assaulting on 1 March, 1637(–8), at Halifax, and maltreating Hugh Fawcett. Witn., Hugh Fawcett. (Put themselves.)

[34*d*] Thomas Apelbye of Lynton upon Owse, gent<sup>n</sup>, for that on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1637, being aged 16 years and upwards, he did not repair to his parish church, nor to any other church, chapel, or usual place of common prayer at any time within one month then next following, but hath forborne the same, against the form of the Statute, etc. (Proclamation was made at Pontefract, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1638, according to the form of the Statute.)

A penalty of £5 is imposed upon Thomas Gascoigne,<sup>1</sup> baronet, that he sufficiently “fill upp the fences or hedges about the coal pitts on the waste commonly called Garforth more,” near the King’s highway leading from the town of Garforth to the market town of Leeds, before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May next. (Exonerated on the oath of William Taylor.)

A penalty of £5 is laid on the inhabitants of the parish of Ferry friston that they sufficiently repair the King’s highway near Bubwith howses, also the King’s highway near England’s howse, which is now in great decay for want of repair, so that the King’s lieges cannot pass with their carriages and carts, before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August next.

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[fol. 35] Also by another Inquisition taken at Pontefract on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1638, before the said Justices, by the oath of Edw<sup>d</sup> Rolston, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Nelson, gent., John Morritt, gent., Edmund Simpson, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Sommers, W<sup>m</sup> Fentiman, Roger Swift, John Walker, Samuel Usher, Rich<sup>d</sup> Abbott, William Rawson, Lawrence Adames, Leonard Betson, W<sup>m</sup> Shillitoe, and Christopher Newsom, jurors.

<sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Gascoigne, of Barnbow, second Baronet, sequestered as a recusant 1650, married Anne, daughter of John Simonds, of Brightwell, Oxfordshire, died 3rd May, 1686, aged 93, buried near his brother Jchn, Abbot of Lamspring, in Lower Saxony.—J.W.C.

WHO PRESENT — Peter Webster of Woodsetts,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for stealing there on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1637, two ewe sheep, value 8s., the property of someone unknown. Witn., Geo. Thomson, Ellen Pigeon. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

W<sup>m</sup> Inchbald of Knaresbrough, laborer, for stealing there on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1637(-8), *sex sata brasii, Angl.* six pecks of malt, value 6s., the property of Richard West. Also Jennett Todd, wife of Edw<sup>d</sup> Todd of the same, laborer, for having on the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb., at Knaresbrough, counselled and procured the said William to commit the above, and on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. received and harboured him. Witness, confession. (Inchbald puts himself, guilty to 10d., no chattels, is whipped.)

[35d] George Turner of Morton, laborer, for stealing there on 20 Jan., 1637(-8), a wether sheep, value 10s., the property of Antony Rishworth. Witn., Tho. Rishworth. (Puts himself, guilty to 10d., no chattels.)

Mary Eastwood, wife of James Eastwood of Pudsey, laborer, for stealing there on 29 March, 1638, "a hatchett" value 10d., and "a chidsell" value 6d., the property of Christ<sup>r</sup> Fowler. Witn., Chr. Fowler. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Thomas Garland of Atterclyffe, husbandman, and John Beighton of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 10 March, 1637(-8), two pecks of oats, value 16d., the property of Thomas Hogges. Witness, confessions. (Put themselves, guilty to 6d., no chattels.)

Francis Ashton of Houlbecke, laborer, for stealing on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1637(-8), at Kirklees, one ewe sheep, value 4s., the property of someone unknown. Also W<sup>m</sup> Drake of Clifton, laborer, for on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, at Clifton, knowingly receiving and harbouring him. Witness, confessions. (Ashton puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 36] Thomas Hollins, Thomas Garland, W<sup>m</sup> Hall, Alice Danes, Francis Duxworth, W<sup>m</sup> North, and Mary Eastwood, aged 14 years and upwards, and being sound in body and able to work, having no art, land, or master, nor using any lawful merchandize, art, or mystery whence they could gain food, and being unable to give a reason by what means they gain their living, for on the 20 March, 1637(-8), at Wakefield, and in many other places, wandering about begging, and being so found bearing themselves as vagabond, valiant beggars, and incorrigible rogues, against the King's peace, and the form

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of South Auston, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, Liberty of St. Peter, 4½ miles from Worksop.



of the Statute, etc. Afterwards they were brought to the bar, pleaded not guilty, and put themselves for good or ill upon the country, and the jurors, viz. Thomas Steele, Samuel Midgley, Christ<sup>r</sup> Dade, George Foster, W<sup>m</sup> Lister, James Greene, John Halliley, Thomas Winter, Thomas Beardshawe, Robt. Laborne, David Greene, and W<sup>m</sup> Pell, came and found them all guilty of the indictment, against the form of the Statute. Wherefore each of them is burnt on the left shoulder with the Roman letter R, and so let them go quit.

Anne Taylor, Thomas Smythies, Edw<sup>d</sup> Sutclyffe, Alice Meller, and Robert Wood for the like offence on 29 March, 1638, at Wakefield and other places. Afterwards they came to the bar, pleaded not guilty, etc. The above jury found them guilty, and each one was to be burnt on the left shoulder with a Roman R, and so let them go quit.

[36*d*] Ann Taylor of Kirkburton, spinster, for stealing there on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1637(-8), a silver spoon value 3s. 4*d.*, and a napkin value 2*d.*, the property of Gamaliel Whittakers, clerk. Witn., Isab. Armitage. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Younge of Weeton, husbandman, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1637(-8), a hat value 3s. 4*d.*, a pair of stockings (*tibial.*) value 18*d.*, the property of Rich<sup>d</sup> Stephenson, gent. Also a shirt, a shirt band (*sucum*), a handkerchief (*sudarium*), and another pair of stockings, value altogether 3s. 4*d.*, the property of John Woodsworth. Also another pair of stockings, value 12*d.*, the property of Mathew Stephenson. Information by Ric. Stephenson. (Puts himself, guilty to 5s., no chattels, a clerk, burnt.)

Robert Tomson, jun., of Whiston, laborer, for stealing there on 23 Jan., 1637(-8), two sheep, value 10s., the property of someone unknown. Also [John Thompson of the same, laborer],<sup>1</sup> for receiving and harbouring him on the 24 Jan. at Whiston. Witness, confession. (Robert puts himself, guilty, a clerk, burnt.)

[fol. 37] Robert Thomson of Whiston, laborer, for stealing there on 10 Nov., 1637, one ewe sheep, value 3s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Richmond. Witn., Arth. Waddie, confession. (Puts himself, guilty, no chattels, a clerk, burnt.)

The same for stealing on 1 Jan., 1637(-8), at Whiston, three geese, value 2s., the property of Arthur Waddie. Examinations, Arth. Waddie. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

<sup>1</sup> The words within the brackets have been erased.



John Thomson of Whiston, laborer, Elizabeth his wife, and the above Robert Thomson, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1637(-8), at Rotheram, two ewes and a wether, value 13s. 4*d.*, the property of Lady Elizabeth Reresby, widow. Witn., Edw. Giles. (John and Elizabeth put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw; Robert puts himself, guilty, a clerk, burnt.)

John Holmes of Kighley, blacksmith, for stealing there on 1 Aug., 1637, three pieces of wood, value 18*d.*, the property of the churchwardens (*gardiani ecclesie*) of Kighley. Witn., Walter Holms, Jo. Mitchell, Hen. Ramsbottom. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[37*d*] Samuel Bower of Bowling, clothier, for stealing on 26 Jan., 1637(-8), at Bradford, "three stone of wooll," value 30s., the property of Thomas Darwyne. Witn., Jo. Walker, W<sup>m</sup> Swayne, Tho. Darwyne. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Richard Hawkesworth<sup>1</sup> of Hawkesworth, knight, for insulting there on 15 Jan., 1637(-8), one William Tayler, and speaking openly and publicly these contemptuous words, viz. "he cared not for anie Justice of Peace in Yorkshire," and unlawfully seizing and burning a petition of the said William Taylor with an order of this Court written thereon in his own hand. Witn., Wm. Taylor. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

John Greene of Kighley, "scoolemaister," for unlawfully taking and carrying away there on 10 Sept., 1637, divers and several pieces of timber and boards, value 10s., the property of the churchwardens of Kighley. Witn., Jo. Beanland, Steph. Aspden, Jo. Holmes. (Puts himself, guilty, his fine taxed at 1*d.*)

Henry Bates of Letwell,<sup>2</sup> clerk, for assaulting on 26 March, 1638, at Rotheram, James Parkin, and taking from him 12*d.* in money. Witn., Ja. Parkin. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 38] William Middleton of Stainburne, yeoman, for assaulting on 10 March, 1637(-8), at Kerby, Anne Massye, and maltreating her. Witn., Anne Massie. (Confesses, and (his) fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*)

Christopher Fletcher of Hooton Pannall, yeoman, for assaulting on 28 Feb., 1637(-8), at Hampall, Abraham Shore, and maltreating him, against the King's peace, and also against

<sup>1</sup> Son of Walter Hawkesworth, of Hawkesworth, Esq., by Isabel, daughter and coheiress of Mr. Colthurst, of Edisforth, in Bolland. Sir Richard married (1) Anne, daughter of Tho. Wentworth, of North Elmsall, Esq.; (2) Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Goodrick, Knt. He died 11 Feb., 1657-8 (Thoresby).

<sup>2</sup> In the parish of St. John's, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, 5½ miles from Tickhill.

the form of the recognizance by him previously acknowledged before Edw<sup>d</sup> Roades, knight, one of the King's Justices of the Peace, for the appearance of him, Christopher, at the next General Sessions, and meanwhile for good behaviour toward the King and all his people. Witn., Abr. Shore. (Puts himself.)

John Richardson *als.* Wriglesworth of Hadlesey, yeoman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1638, at West Hadlesey, having shot with "a hand gun chardged with powder and hayle shot certain pidgeons," and unlawfully killed and taken away two of them, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Brian Storey, W<sup>m</sup> Dunne. (At large.)

[38*d*] Martin Barker of Keirby,<sup>1</sup> yeoman, for having on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1637(-8), at Keirby, corruptly, unlawfully, and injuriously received and exacted for lucre, usury, and profit from one Barth. Massie 12s. 8*d.* in money, for defering payment of 40s. from the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1637, to the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., the year above-said, which sum of 12s. (*sic*) is much exceeding the rate of £8 per cent. per ann., against the form of the Statute, etc.<sup>2</sup> Witn., Barth. Massie. (Puts himself. Respited to Knaresborough.)

Thomas Stephenson of Whitguift, gent., for assaulting there on the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1637-8, Robert Selley, Constable of Whitguift, and unlawfully obtaining possession from him of a warrant from Francis Wortley, knight and bart<sup>t</sup>, and the other Justices of the Peace, issuing from the Court of Sessions held at Barnsley on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1637(-8), against himself, Thomas Stephenson, and afterwards detaining the same in his own hands. Witn., Ro. Shelley. (Confesses, and his fine is taxed at 6s. 8*d.*, paid to the Sheriff, estreated.)

John Holmes of Kighley, blacksmith, for assaulting there on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1637(-8), and maltreating John Greene, clerk. Witn., Ja. Ibbotson, Ro. Dalton, Jane Lupton, Jo. Greene. (Puts himself, not guilty, at Skipton, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1638.)

### Orders.

#### Order Book A.

[*Folio 1 is missing*].

**Assessment of mills.** [fol. 2] . . . . . parishe of Kirkburton, who compla . . . . . Allott (?) holds two milnes

<sup>1</sup> Kereby, in the parish of Kirkby Overblow, Upper Division of Claro, five miles from Wetherby.

<sup>2</sup> See Statute, 21 James I, c. 17. This Statute enacted that all contracts for loans at a higher rate than 8 per cent. per annum should be void, and that any lenders who received more than this rate of interest should be fined the treble value of their loans. This Act was made perpetual by 3 Chas. I, c. 4.



within Holne afores . . . , being assessed 6s. 8*d.* per annum for the poore, was refused to be paid. Itt was therfore conceived by this Cort and soe ordered that milnes are lyable to be assessed for the poore as well as lands after the same rate, ORDERED that the saide milnes shall pay yearly the saide summe of 6s. 8*d.* now assessed upon them, and that all other milnes in Burton parish, as well fulling milnes as corne milnes, be assessed for the poore accordinglye and proporconably as necessitye shall require.

**Highway at Snyderdale.**<sup>1</sup> Forasmuch as a paine of 10*li.* was ymposed upon the inhabitantes of Snyderdall for not repaireing the highway leadeing betweene the markett townes of Wakefeild and Pontefracte, and for that the tyme of the yeare is now seasonable for the repaire of highwayes, therefore the saide inhabitantes desired the saide paine might be respited, ORDERED that the saide paine be respited until the next generall quarter sessions, in hopes that in the meanetyme the saide inhabitantes will repaire the saide highway.

**Marle<sup>2</sup> and Darfield bridges.** [2*d*] Whereas certificate is made that Thomas Waynwright of Darfeilde, yeoman, hath receivede and doth deteyne in his handes the summe of 6*li.* formerly allowed to repaire Marle bridge and other moneyes unaccompted for which was allowed towards the repaire of Darfeilde bridge and received by him the saide Wainewright, ORDERED and desired that Sir Edward Rodes, knt., one of the justices, wilbe pleased to call the saide Wainewright before him, and not onely take such course therein as he shall thincke fitting, but alsoe allowe unto Mr. Robert Feild such costes and chardges for his paines and care in discovering the same as he shall thincke fitting.

**Skirden Bridge.**<sup>3</sup> [fol. 3] Upon certificate of the necessitie of a bridge to be builte at Skirden and of the danger of divers of H.M. subjectes have beene putt unto in passing that way, being the roade way betweene the cittye of Yorke and the countye of Lancaster, and that the summe of £50, with an allowance formerly granted, will builde a bridge there, ORDERED that the said summe shalbe estreated upon the wapentackes of Staincliffe and Ewcrosse, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto Thomas Wrigglesworth and William

<sup>1</sup> Snyderdall, in the parish of Normanton, Agbrigg Division of Agbrigg and Morley, Liberty of Pontefract, 3½ miles from Pontefract.

<sup>2</sup> Marles Bridge near Wombwell.

<sup>3</sup> In the township and parish of Bolton-by-Bolland, Liberty of Staincliffe.



Caley, who are appointed overseers of that worke, and to see the same husbandly bestowed.

**Hues and cries.** Upon the peticon of Gabriell Wright of Little Smeaton, who informeth that he, being at this present constable of Smeaton, and being aged almost fowerscore yeares, and infirme, and liveing about a mile from the towne, hath one Zachary Bradford, his deputye, liveing in the towne, and yett nevertheles one John Hudson, constable of Norton, to ease himselfe and troble the said Gabriell Wright, refuseth to carrye the saide criples' hues and cryes unto the said towne of Smeaton, but leaveth them with the said Wright to his great chardge and troble, ORDERED the said John Hudson, constable of Norton, shall convey all such criples' hues and cryes unto the towne of Smeaton to the said Zachary Bradford, the deputie, that he may send them directly to the next constable.

**Churchwardens' Accounts.** [3*d*] Upon the peticon of James Foxcrofte and Abraham Parkinson, late churchwardens for the towne of Halifax, ORDERED that the present churchwardens, Henry Horsfall and John Boye, pay to the petitioners 20s. 1*d*., which appeareth by their accompt before John Farrer, esq., and Henry Ramsden, vicar of Halifax, to have beene by them disbursed over and above their receipts, together alsoe with such chardges as they have been forced to expend about the getting of the same, and the same to be putt into the next assessment and repaid them againe or allowed them in their accounte.

**Constables' Accounts.** Whereas John Fowler and Samuell Walton, late constables of Halifax, have not made any accounte of the monyes they received the last yeare upon their constable layes within the towne of Halifax, ORDERED that they shall accounte before Mr. Nathaniell Waterhowse,<sup>1</sup> Mr. Robert Exley, and the present constables there before May 1 next.

**Thomas Beeuer.** Discharge from his recognizances for good behaviour.

**Bolton and Goldthorpe.** Forasmuch as this Cort is informed of the inequality amongst the inhabitantes of Bolton and Goldthorpe in their layes and assessments for the poore, ORDERED that all the assessments hereafter to be made shalbe made according to the quantitye and qualitye of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth.

**Wakefield Bridge** [fol. 4] and **Cooper Bridge.** Printed in Y.A.J., v, 371.

<sup>1</sup> A great Halifax benefactor.

**Lionel Copley. Wage tallies** [4*d*] and **Apprentice discharged.** [fol. 5] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 372.

**Marle and Darfield bridges.** [5*d*] Whereas Thomas Wainewright of Darfeild, late high . . . . . of Strafforth and Tickhill, being appointed collector of . . . . . monyes allowed towards the repaire of Marle bridge and Darfeilde bridge, and overseer of the same worke, upon his accounte of the moneyes received for Marle bridge before Sir Edward Rodes, knt., hath beene found false, and not to deale justlye and trulye according to the trust in him reposed, and the summe of 6*li.* yet remaineing in his hands, as by the certificate of the said Sir Edward Rodes appeareth, ORDERED that a warrant be awarded to binde the said Wainewright to appeare att the next sessions, and in the meane tyme to be of good behaviour and forthwith to restore the monyes remaineing in his handes, ALSOE ORDERED that the said Sir Edward Rodes shall out of the monyes soe resting in his handes recompence the paines and chardges susteyned and undergone by Robert Feild, gent., in and about the discoverye and finding out the said abuses and deceit, and it is lastlye ordered that the saide Wainewright shall alsoe accompt before Sir Edward Rodes for the monyes he has received to repaire Darfeilde bridge.

**Apprentice.** Whereas Ellen Inchbald has peticoned and informed that William Inchbald, her brother, being fatherles and motherles, and destitute of freindes either to preferr him to a trade or imploy him in any other vocacon, and haveing noe ymployment lives idlelye and is forcede to begg, and the said Ellen Inchbald out of her love and affecon is willing to disburse 5*li.* for the putting the said William to be an apprentice at some trade for his future staye and preferment and provyding him apparell, soe as she may have any hopes to have her monyes againe, and whereas she likewise informes that the said William hath a litle close conteyneing about 3 roodes of land in Knaresbroughe which falls to him when he attaynes his full age of 21, and he desireing the furtherance and assistance of soe good and charitable an acte and her securitie out of the said close, the Cort hereby approve thereof as an acte much tending to his good, etc., the which considered it is hoped allowance wilbe made for disbursing the same, which is humbly referred to the consideracon of that Cort where any question shalbe made hereafter.

**Cripples and people with passes.** [fol. 6] **William Grosvenor, King's purveyor,** [6*d*] and **House of Correction.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 373.



**Ferry bridge.** Upon informacon given unto the Cort of the great ruyne and decay of Ferry bridge, the same being the high roade way betweene the cittye of London and the cittye of Yorke for all passengers, both foote and horse, ORDERED that the summe of 20*li.* shalbe for the present estreated on the said West Riding, and collected by the high constables there, and paide over unto Sir John Ramsden, knt., one of the justices, who is desired to see the same ymployed towards the repaire thereof.

**Methley bridge.** [fol. 7] Forasmuch as the summe of tenn pounds was formerly chardged upon the West Riding for the repaire of Methley bridge, which then was in great ruyne and decay, and the moneye haveing beene collected and ymployed in that worke, the same is not nere finished but in danger to be lost, if some present allowance be not spedilye levied and ymployed towards the said worke, and for that this cort is informed that the summe of thirtye pounds will but be sufficient to finish the worke begune there, ORDERED that the said summe of thirtye pounds shalbe presently assessed upon the said rideing, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto Mr. Francis Shann, Mr. Thomas Favell, Robert Laborne thelder, and John Crosley, who are appointed to be overseers of that worke and to see the said monyes ymployed according-lye.

**Master of House of Correction, Capt. Levaine Van Eycke,** [7*d*] and **Ilkley bridge.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 374.

**Walshforth bridge.**<sup>1</sup> Forasmuch as diverse summes of money have bene disbursed towards the repaire of Walshforth bridge within this West Riding, and diverse severall summes chardged and collected upon the said Rideing, yett nevertheles upon accounte made by Arthur Godfrey and others ymployed towards the repaire thereof, itt appeareth that they have disbursed the summe of twentye five pounds over and above the monyes by them received, ORDERED that the said summe of twentye five pounds shalbe estreated upon the whole West Riding, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto the said Arthur Godfrey and the workemen who formerly disbursed the same.

**Castleford bridge.** [fol. 8] Whereas the sume of tenn pounds was formerly allowed towards the repaire of Castleford bridge within this West Rideing, which hath bene collected and ym-

<sup>1</sup> Walshford, in the township of Ribston-with-Walshford and parish of Hunsingore, Upper Division of Claro, four miles from Knaresborough and Boroughbridge.



ployed towards the repaire thereof, and the said bridge since veiwed by Sir Thomas Bland, knt., one of his Mat<sup>ies</sup> justices of peace within this West Rideing, who hath certified that the summe of fortye pounds will but finish and end the worke there, ORDERED by this Cort that the said summe of fortye pounds more be estreated upon this West Rideing, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto William Lindley and Thomas Lake, who are appointed by this Cort to be overseers of that worke and to see the said monyes ymployed accordinglye.

**Office of High Constable.** Forasmuch as John Spinke, gent., one of the high constables of the wapentacke of Barkeston, informeth this court that he hath served and executed his saide office by the space of iv yeares last past, and now desireth to be freed from anie further service, ORDERED that William Thompson of Brotherton, gent., shalbe chosen and elected in his place, and forthwith be sworne to execute the said place accordingly,

**Bramham Assessments.** Whereas a peticon hath beene preferred unto this Court by Ann Killingbecke of Barrowby grange, widow, complaineing of the inequalitye of the assessment laid upon her, and alsoe alleadging that Bramham Biggin and Oglethorpe, two hamletts within the parish of Bramham, and diverse others are under assessed, and alsoe alleadged that warrants to distreyne for the said assessments have yssued and are in the officers' hands to levye the same, ORDERED that the warrants soe awarded be stayed, and Sir Ferdinando Fairfax, knt., one of his Mat<sup>ies</sup> justices of peace, is desired by this Court to call the partyes concerned in this busines before him, att such tyme as he shall thincke fitt, and to take such course for setling and determineing the said differences as he in his judgement shall thincke meete, and if he cannot end and settle the same, then to certifye this Court his opinion therein, wherein such further course shalbe taken as shalbe just.

**Gargrave bridge.** [8d] Upon perusall of a certificate made unto this Court by Sir William Lister, knt.,<sup>1</sup> and William Lowther,<sup>2</sup> esq., two of his Mat<sup>ies</sup> justices of peace within this

<sup>1</sup> Son of Lawrence Lister, Esq., of Midhope. He was also of Thornton. M.P. East Retford 1646-8. He married Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Belasyse, of Newburgh. His son William was one of Lord Fairfax's officers, and was killed at Tadcaster in 1642.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> Probably Sir William Lowther, of Leeds and Swillington, a younger son of the Lowthers of Cumberland. He married Jane, daughter of William Busfield, of Leeds. From them descends the present Baronet at Swillington.—J.W.C.

West Rideing, on the great ruyne and decay of Gargrave bridge in the said West Rideing, who further certifie that the summe of cccl*li*. will but be sufficient to rebuild that bridge of stone, which must of necessitie be soe, because there is noe tymber in that parte of the countrye fitt for that worke, and the said bridge being soe usefull and commodious for the whole countrye, being the high roade way betweene the citye of London and the countyes of Westmorland and Cumberland, butt for that it appeareth not who ought to repaire that bridge, being not in the booke of bridges to be repaired at the chardge of the whole West Rideing, ORDERED that the summe of two hundreth pounds shalbe estreated and levied of the wapentackes of Staincliffe and Ewcrosse and Claro, and that the residue of that summe be estreated and levied upon the said West Rideing, being a hundreth and fitye pounds, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto Stephen Tempest, gent., and Henry Colthirst and Richard Mason to be ymployed for the new building of a bridge of stone there for the generall good of the countrye.

**Pencions.** [fol. 9 and 9*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 375.<sup>1</sup>

[*Folio 10 is blank, and the next folio is marked 15, but none appear to be missing.*]

#### ROTHERAM.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 40] At the General Sessions held at, on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> Chas. (1638), before George Wentworth, knight, Edw<sup>d</sup> Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, William West, esq., and Robert Rockley, esq., Justices.

JURORS — Nath. Ayre, gent., Howsley Freman, gent., John Revell, gent., Edward Ibbotson, gent., John Kirke, gent., James Pashley, gent., Richard Ward, gent., John Nelson, George Ingall, Edw<sup>d</sup> Greene, Rich<sup>d</sup> Hey, W<sup>m</sup> Conway, Tho<sup>s</sup> Day, Henry Wilkinson, and John Nodder.

WHO PRESENT — W<sup>m</sup> Johnson of Lettwell, laborer, for stealing there on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1638, a measure of barley, value 3*d*., the property of John Mauliverer, esq. Witn., Tho. Seller, Jo. Jackson.

Elizabeth Cubbage, wife of John Cubbage of Silkston, laborer, for stealing there on 31 March, 1638, five "burthens" of wood, value 18*d*., the property of Nich. Broadley, clerk,

<sup>1</sup> The following Orders made at these Sessions, being of small interest, are merely mentioned, viz., Provision for bastard child [fol. 2], Settlements [2*d* and 4*d*], Maintenance of son [2*d*], and Maintenance of bastard child [3].



and John Kay, gent. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Linley, Rob. Hirst. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[40*d*] Emott Stones of Hansworth Woodhouse, widow, for stealing there on 28 Feb., 1637(-8), a silver spoon, value 5s., the property of John Stacie, gent. Witn., Jo. Stacy, gent. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d*., no chattels.)

John Nicholson of Pereth, co. Westmorland, laborer, and Robert Sevell of the same, laborer, for stealing on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1638, at Austerfeild, twelve yards of woollen cloth, value 24s., the property of Richard Chappell. Witn., Hugh Dale, Ric. Chappell. (Nicholson puts himself, guilty, no chattels, a clerk, burnt; Sevell puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Robert Ward of Heelay, laborer, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1638, at Ackworth, a horse, colour gray, value 26s., the property of John Houghland. Witn., Jo. Houghland. (At large.)

Mary Fowler of Sheffield, spinster, for stealing there on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1638, 4*d*. in money, the property of John Eburne; also a neckcloth, value 6*d*., the property of Alice Shoer. Witn., Jo. Bullas, Alice Shoer, Jo. Eburne. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 41] Ralph Smyth of Skipton, laborer, for stealing on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1638, at Whiston, a riding coat value 5s., and a dublet (*diploidem*) value 5s., the property of Robert Hilton. Witn., Ro. Hilton. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d*., no chattels.)

John Box of Barnebrough, laborer, for stealing on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1638, at Stodfold, two lambs, value 4s. each, the property of Mary, Lady Stanhope. Witness, confession. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Walker of Wales, laborer, and Anne his wife, for stealing on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1638, at Wales, three wether sheep, value 4s. each, the property of John Ignott. Witn., Tho. Shirt, Anto. Hatfeild. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Richard Walton of Birchworth, labourer, for stealing on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1637(-8), at Ingbirchworth, eight yards of woollen cloth, value 3s., the property of Chris. Firth. Witn., Edw. Lambert, Chris. Firth. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[41*d*] John Denton of Thurgoland, laborer, for stealing there on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1638, three pecks of wheat and rye, value 2s. 8*d*., the property of John Bamford, Esq. Also Elizabeth Wood, wife of W<sup>m</sup> Wood of Barnesley, laborer, for that, knowing thereof, she on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, at Thurgoland, received and harboured him. Witn., Fr. Wardsworth. (At large.)

Rosamund Wright of Ackworth, spinster, for burglariously entering on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1638, at Ackworth, the dwelling house



of Alice Howett, widow, at night between the hours 11 and 12, and stealing therefrom 40s. in money, a petticoat (*parvacidam*) value 2s. 6d., a cloak and a "safegard" (*penulam et indumentum*) value 20s., five aprons value 5s., three waistcoats (*indusia*) value 5s., and three pairs of linnen sheets value 6s., the property of the said Alice Howett. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Rawson, Alice Howett. Examinations. (At large.)

John Jackson of Walsewood,<sup>1</sup> laborer, Peter Jackson of the same, laborer, and John Jackson, jun<sup>r</sup>, of the same, for stealing on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1638, at Whiston, a lamb value 3s. 4d., and a wether sheep value 6s. 8d., the property of a man unknown. Witn., Jo. Coe, W<sup>m</sup> Richmond. (The first-named puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws; both the others at large.)

[fol. 42] W<sup>m</sup> Clerkson of Brodsworth, laborer, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1638, a lamb, value 2s. 8d., the property of John Smith. Witn., Ric. Beamont, Rich. Blake, W<sup>m</sup> Jackson. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

The same, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1638, at Pigburne, a wether sheep, value 6s. 8d., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Goodman, gent. Witn., Tho. Viccars, Ric. Blake. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Rosamond Wright of Ackworth, spinster, for burglariously entering on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1638, at Longhoughton, the dwelling house of Francis Rishworth, at night between the hours of 1 and 2, and stealing therefrom a gown value 20s., two safegards (*parvacidas*) value 20s., a petticoat (*pennulam*) value 8s., a linnen shirt (*indusium*) value 2s. 6d., two yards of hemp cloth value 2s., and two "waistkoates" (*indusia*) value 8s., the property of the said Francis Rishworth. Witness, examination before Edw. Roades, k<sup>t</sup>. (At large.)

[42d] Ellen Bynnye, wife of Francis Binnye of Rotheram, laborer, for stealing there on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1637(-8), a purse, value 4d., and 4s. 8d. in money therein, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Hellifeild. Witn., Wm. Hellifeild, Francis Hellifeild, Katherine Smyth. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Armitage, sen., of Wombwell, laborer, for chasing with dogs on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1638, at Wombwell, in a field there called Aldam feild, eight sheep pasturing there, value 26s. 8d., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Hoyland, so that the same were greatly deteriorated. Witn., Roger Scolefeild, Ro. Naylor. (At large.)

The same for on the same day and place, chasing with dogs 30 sheep, value £3 6s. 8d., the property of Thomas Tailor. Witness, the same. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> Waleswood, hamlet in the township of Wales and parishes of Wales and Treoton, 5½ miles from Rotherham.

Also for chasing on the same day and place, 16 sheep, value 40s., the property of John Hanson. Witn., the same. (At large.)

[fol. 43] Also for chasing on the same day and place, 30 sheep, value 40s., the property of John Cowper. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Pinder, W<sup>m</sup> Smyth.

Also for chasing on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1638, in the same field, 10 sheep, value 50s., the property of Roger Scolefeild. Witn., Ro. Scolefeild, W<sup>m</sup> Nayler. (Confesses, fine taxed at 5s.)

Also for chasing on the same day, in the same field, 10 sheep, value 50s., the property of John Hanson. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Pinder, W<sup>m</sup> Smyth. (Confesses, fine taxed at 5s.)

Also for chasing on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1638, in the same field, 10 sheep, value 50s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Smith. Witn., Sam. Ardron. (At large.)

[43<sup>d</sup>] Also for chasing on the same day in the same field, 10 sheep, value 50s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Pinder. Witn., Sam. Ardron. (At large.)

Also for chasing on the same day in the same field, 10 sheep, value 50s., the property of John Cowper. Witn., Sam. Ardron. (At large.)

Percival Gilling of Balne, laborer, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb., 1637(-8), at Balne, twelve "loades of flawes"<sup>1</sup> (*carectat' cespitum*), value 4s., the property of John Holmes and John Maplebeck. Witn., Jo. Holmes, Jo. Maplebeck, W<sup>m</sup> Middleton, Fr. Hudson. (Confesses, and puts himself on the clemency of the Court; fine taxed at 5s.)

Richard Ideon of (?) Rile, husbandman, for assaulting on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1638, at Rile, and maltreating Joan the wife of Ralph Nockett. Witn., Joan Nockett. (Confesses, fine 10s., estreated.)

[fol. 44] Robert Wainewright of Broadfeild, yeoman, for assaulting on 26 May, 1638, at Bradfeild, and maltreating Edward Cotterall. Witn., Edw. Catterall, W<sup>m</sup> Gillott, Jo. Revell. (Puts himself, confesses, fine 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>.)

Robert Bincliffe of Tankersley, laborer, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1638, at Wortley, "a handsawe, a hatchett, a speake shawe, and a broad chessle," value 12<sup>d</sup>., the property of Mark Willye and Rich<sup>d</sup> Turton. Witn., Mark Willye, Rich. Turton. (Confesses, fine taxed at 3s. 4<sup>d</sup>., estreated.)

Robert Marsden, jun., of Rough Birchworth, yeoman, for assaulting there on 26 May, 1638, and maltreating Isabel Burgoine. Witn., Dorothy Burgoine. (Puts himself, confesses, fine 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>.)

<sup>1</sup> Square pieces of heath-turf, dried for fuel (Halliwell).



Richard Hobson, laborer, Thomas Higham, laborer, and Katherine Booth, widow, all of Cawthorne, for breaking and entering the dwelling house of W<sup>m</sup> Hobson there on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1638, and stealing therefrom a chist (*arcam*), value 6s. 8d., his property. Witn., Jane Hobson, Beatrice Senior. (All at large. Richard confesses, fined 2s. 6d.; Katherine fined 2s. 6d.)

[44d] Inquisition taken for the King at Hatefeild, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1638, by the oath of Rob<sup>t</sup> Wilbore, Zach. Wilbore, Rich<sup>d</sup> Horne, W<sup>m</sup> Thompson, John Mawde, Martin Crosby, Tho<sup>s</sup> Bradford, Edw<sup>d</sup> Smith, Robt. Hunt, Tho<sup>s</sup> Doughtie, John Jenkinson, Robt. Foster, Rich<sup>d</sup>. Thwaites, Robt. Thwaites, and John Clerke, before Robert Rockley, esq., one of the Justices, who say that Robert Lund, Thomas Downing, Thomas West, and W<sup>m</sup> Sutcliffe, and divers other inhabitants of Hatefeild Woodhouse and Stainford, were lawfully seised in fee of a common pasture in Hatefeild called Burmoore, and continued so possessed and seised until Francis Thurley, John Chapman, Daniel Chapman, and other unknown ill doers on the 1<sup>st</sup> May inst., with staves and swords entered the said common and by force disseised and expelled them, and from the said 1<sup>st</sup> May to this day kept them so disseised and expelled from the same common by force and power of arms, to the disturbance of the King's peace and against the form of the Statute, 8 Henry VI, when none of them had any estate in the same common pasture or any part thereof, nor had had any within three years next before their entry, nor at any other time preceding to the knowledge of the Jurors. Signed by Ro. Rockley, esq., one of the Justices. (At large. Daniel Chapman submitted himself to the clemency of the Court. Fine 2s. 6d.)

Christopher Fisher, badger,<sup>1</sup> John Walker, badger, and Margaret Barnes, widow, all of Sheffield, for on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1638, and divers other times, both before and after, at Sheffield, selling to divers of the King's subjects in open market a "shilling"<sup>2</sup> of oats fraudulently mixed with dust and chaff. Witn., Kat. Arnold, Isa. Steven, Ellen Cawthorne. (Christopher confesses, fine 40s., paid sheriff; John confesses, fine 30s., paid sheriff; Margaret confesses, fine 20s., paid sheriff.)

[fol. 45] John Brooke of Broadsworth, laborer, for stealing there on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1638, "one waine loade of wood," value 4s., the property of Darcy Wentworth, gent. Witn., Tho.

<sup>1</sup> Badger, pedlar.

<sup>2</sup> A shelling of oats. From an old account-book at Shibden Hall we learn that, in 1705, "6 stroke of shilling make a load."



Broadley. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 5s., paid sheriff, estreated.)

Gilbert Smalefeild (at large) of Bromehead, priest, Anthony Coldwell (at large) of Whitelee, husbandman, Nicholas Whiteley (puts himself, guilty, committed to York Castle) of Stackhowse, yeoman, W<sup>m</sup> Greaves (at large) of Sheffield, yeoman, John Hayward (confesses the indictment) of Hunshelfe, yeoman, Thomas Eyre (at large) of Penoke, "cow-per," Richard Hall (confesses the indictment) of Wigtwisle,<sup>1</sup> James Ellis (process removed) of Bamford, co. Derby, yeoman, Edw<sup>d</sup> Elliott, sen<sup>r</sup> (process removed) of Woodland, co. Derby, and Edw<sup>d</sup> Elliott, jun. (process removed) of Durwent, co. Derby, yeoman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1637, and divers other days, both before and after, breaking into the free chase or park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart<sup>t</sup>, commonly called the New Parke, at Wortley, and chasing and hunting the deer therein with greyhounds and guns. Also with chasing, killing, and taking away 20 male deer and 20 does to the damage of the said Francis Wortley, and against the Statute, etc. Witn., Ralph Greaves.

George Clifton of Thurne, laborer, for on the night of 28 June, 1638, at Thurne, breaking and entering the close of one W<sup>m</sup> Stephenson, commonly called the Esh feilds, and milking his cows there at pasture, and consuming and disposing of the milk then obtained. Witn., Wm. Stephenson. (Confesses, fine 5s., paid to sheriff, estreated.)

[45*d*] Francis Morton, jun. (puts himself), of Spouthouse, yeoman, John Morton (at large) of Goowers, co. Derby, yeoman, Ambrose Marsden (at large) of Bradfeild, tailor, Nich. Smalefeild (at large) of Spouthouse, laborer, John Burley (puts himself, not guilty) of Ewes,<sup>2</sup> yeoman, Thomas Barber (at large) of Worrall, rough mason, Thomas Hall (at large) of Wigtwisle, joiner, John Barber (at large) of Spouthouse, laborer, Geo. Marsden (at large) of Wigtwisle, laborer, Nich. Birks (at large) of Ewetrees, laborer, Thomas Swinden (at large) of Brightomley,<sup>3</sup> yeoman, and Rich<sup>d</sup> Depledge (at large) of Ewes, husbandman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1637, and at divers other times, both before and after, breaking into the free chase or park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., commonly called the New Parke, at Wortley,

<sup>1</sup> In the township of Bradfield and parish of Ecclesfield, six miles from Penistone.

<sup>2</sup> Probably Yews, a hamlet in the township of Bradfield, 4½ miles from Sheffield.

<sup>3</sup> In the township of Bradfield and parish of Ecclesfield, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, seven miles from Sheffield.

and chasing the deer therein with greyhounds and guns. Also with killing 15 male deer and 15 does. Witn., Ric. Greaves, Chris. Whitley, Jo. Kirkby. (Is removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

Richard Killam of Cantley, husbandman, for stealing on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, at Cantley, an iron range, value 4s., the property of Elizabeth Killam. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Biningley, W<sup>m</sup> Rothwell. (Puts himself.)

[fol. 46] John Janson of Rotheram, sadler, for assaulting there on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, and maltreating Edward Ward. Witn., Edw. Ward. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 12*d*.)

A penalty (£10) was imposed by W<sup>m</sup> West, esq., one of the Justices, upon the inhabitants of Brampton byerley, that they shall repair the King's highway between Melton and Wath, and certain lanes called Coley Laine and Angell Laine, before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September next.

The same W<sup>m</sup> West imposed a like penalty (£10) on the inhabitants of Rawmarshe and the occupiers of the adjacent lands near Southwell, called Southwell Dike, (that they shall repair) a lane between Netherhaugh and Certworth before the 1<sup>st</sup> September next.

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 15] **Skelbrooke, cripples, etc., and Sellers of Ale and Plague contagion.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 376.

**Thorp Salvine Assessments.** [15*d*] Upon open heareing of y<sup>e</sup> differences depending betweene y<sup>e</sup> inhabitantes of Thorp Salvine and Netherthorpp, parcell of that parishe, about theire laies and assessments, forasmuch as this Court is informed that they have much encreased a new assessment, made lately amongst them, and raised the said inhabitantes of Netherthorpe without anie just cause or ground soe to doe, ORDERED, for setling and ending the said differences, that all assessments amongst them shalbe assessed and continue hereafter as formerly they were, before y<sup>e</sup> makeing of y<sup>e</sup> said newe assessment, untill it shalbe made appeare that they of Netherthorpe doe receive more profittes by the commons there, and chardge y<sup>e</sup> saide commons more then formerly they did.

**Ralph Normanvile, pensioner.** [fol. 16] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 376.

**Richard Smyth.** [16*d*] Forasmuch as itt appeareth unto this Court that Richard Smyth of Hallam, in this West Rideing, being constable there, hath disbursed the summe of xiiij*s*. iiij*d*.



about y<sup>e</sup> provideing for and releiveing of one Elizabeth, the wife of Rob. Bradford, a wanderer, who being sicke was brought thither by y<sup>e</sup> women of y<sup>e</sup> towne, where she was delivered of child, and because this Court is further satisfied that this was not through anie neglect of the saide Rich : Smith in the execucon of his office, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of y<sup>e</sup> power of Hallame byerlawe aforesaid shall pay and satisfie unto y<sup>e</sup> saide Richard Smyth the saide 14s. 4*d*. upon sight hereof, unlesse they showe good cause to y<sup>e</sup> contrarie before some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace within the saide West Rideing.

**Ursula Harcourt.** [fol. 17] Forasmuch as this Court is informed by th'inhabitan<sup>tes</sup> of Tanshelfe, Carleton, and Hardwicke, within this West Rideing, that Ursula Harcourt, widow, late wife of John Harcourt, gent., is lately gone out of the country unto London, as is supposed, and hath left behind her (*blank*) children which are already chargeable, and hereafter likely to be further chargeable, unto the saide inhabitantes in provideing for them the saide children, being verie young and tender aged, and they further informe that y<sup>e</sup> saide Mrs. Harcourt hath left goodes amongst them, and monies oweing unto her in the handes of those persons who are willing the same may be imployed towards y<sup>e</sup> educating and maintening of the saide children, if they may have y<sup>e</sup> approbacon and warrant of this Court to ymploye yt soe, ORDERED that the saide goodes and monies be ymployed accordingly, and the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there are hereby enjoyned to provide for the saide children hereafter untill they shalbe fitt to be otherwise disposed of.

**Hill Bridge in Ollerton.** [fol. 18] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 376.<sup>1</sup>

#### WAKEFIELD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 47] General Sessions held at, on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 14 Cha<sup>s</sup> (1638), before W<sup>m</sup> Savile, bart., John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>, George Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edw<sup>d</sup> Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, John Kay, esq., John Savile, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., and John Farrer, esq., Justices.

JURORS — Martin Clough, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Brooke, gent., Rich<sup>d</sup> Hopkinson, gent., Mich<sup>l</sup> Bentley, W<sup>m</sup> Wood, James Nailor, John Mitchell, Henry Dickonson, Rich<sup>d</sup> Birkhead, Thomas Seale, Thomas Reame, Gilbert Cawdrey, Rand. Bridges, Mich<sup>l</sup> Marshall, and Robt. Phillipps.

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Maintenance of bastard child [fol. 15*d*, 16*d*, 17, 17*d*] and Settlement [16].

WHO PRESENT — John Jowett of Thorneton, laborer, for stealing on 3<sup>d</sup> July, 1638, at Baildon, two linnen sheets and a linnen apron (*ventrale*), value 9s., the property of Thomas Ambler. Witn., Tho. Ambler, Nic. Cowling. (At large.)

Samuel Richardson of Rednes, laborer, for breaking and entering at night on 31 Jan., 1637(-8), at Tadcaster, the barn of one Henry Turner, and stealing therefrom one girth, his property. Witn., Henr. Turner, Peter Mathews. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[47<sup>d</sup>] Thomas Helliwell, clothier, Sarah Helwell, spinster, and Sarah wife of Edw<sup>d</sup> Campinett, laborer, all of Staineland, for stealing there on 20 June, 1638, a pig, value 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>., the property of John Ramsden. Witn., Jo. Ramsden, Grace Ramsden. (All put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Dorothy Foxcroft of Peryth, in co. Westmorland, for stealing on 25 May, 1638, at Barneby Dunn, a pair of linnen sheets, a "pillowbeere,"<sup>1</sup> one harden sheet, a linnen apron, value 3s. 4<sup>d</sup>., the property of Robt. Oldroid. Witness, examinations. (Puts herself, guilty to 10<sup>d</sup>., no chattels.)

Susan Barraclough, wife of Henry Barraclough of Horton, laborer, for stealing there on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1638, a book, value 3s., the property of Walter Haldsworth. Witn., Walt. Holdesworth. (At large.)

Philip Hive of Hadleseay, laborer, for stealing on 10 May, 1638, at Fairburne, a pair of sheets, value 5s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Coates, a smock (*supparum*), a shirt (*inducium*), and a tablecloth, value 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>., the property of Thomas Parkin. Witn., Wm. Coates. (At large.)

[fol. 48] Anthony Daves, laborer, James Dixon, laborer, and Frances Hodgson, spinster, all of Wakefeild, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1638, being aged 14 years and upwards, sound in body and able to labour, having no art, land, nor merchandize whence they could get their food, and being unable to give an account of how they obtained their livelihood, on the 5th July at Wakefield and in many other places wandering about begging and bearing themselves as incorrigible rogues and sturdy beggars against the King's peace, and the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Jo. Whitehead. (Put themselves, guilty, are burnt on the left shoulder.)

John Walker of Middle Shitlington, laborer, for stealing there on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1638, 10s. in money, the property of Richard Boothroid. Witn., Ric. Boothroide. (Puts himself, guilty, no chattels, is burnt.)

<sup>1</sup> A pillow-slip.



John Pulleyne and Peter Heyward of Riccall, laborers, for stealing on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1638, at Drax, two linnen shirts, value 12*d.*, the property of Thomas Routledge. Witn., Tho. Routledge. (John puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws; Peter dead.)

[48*d*] Jeremiah Walker, Henry Walker, and James Walker, of Warley, laborers, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1638, at Midgley, 4 coverlets (*velamina*) value 40*s.*, four pair of linnen sheets val. 30*s.*, "twenty peeces of pewther" val. 40*s.*, a "hilling"<sup>1</sup> (*velamen*) val. 40*s.*, two stone of "wooll" val. 30*s.*, six "pound of yarne" val. 4*s.*, two "blancketts" (*coreal*) val. 10*s.*, a "brasse mortar" (*unum arsum ener*) val. 2*s.* 6*d.*, and two "boulsters" (*cervicalia*) val. 3*s.* 4*d.*, the property of Gilbert Brookesbank. Witn., Tristram Cooke, Rob. Walton, Gilb. Brookesbanke. (At large. All put themselves, not guilty.)

Thomas Denton of Scamonden, yeoman, James Sikes of Quornby, laborer, John Dawson and Michael Dawson of the same, laborers, John Sikes of the same, laborer, and George Thorpe of Staineland, laborer, for assaulting on 4 Jan., 1637(-8) at Staineland, and maltreating Jonathan Walton. Witn., Jonathan Walton, Luke Harrison, Joseph Whitley. (Thomas Denton and James Sikes confess, fined 2*s.* 6*d.* each; John Sikes at large, puts himself; Geo. Thorp, owes 6*s.* for old recognizances; both Dawsons at large.)

[fol. 49] John Mawde of Barkisland, yeoman, for assaulting on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1638, at Staineland, and maltreating Michael Helliwell. Witn., Tho. Savile, Mich. Helliwell, Hugh Prestley. (Confesses, fine taxed at 6*s.* 8*d.*, estreated.)

Daniel Greaves of Wentworth, yeoman, George Gledhill of the same, yeoman, and W<sup>m</sup> Rodley of Dewsburye, laborer, for assaulting on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1638, at Stanley, and maltreating Anthony Wood. Witn., Ant. Wood, Mar. Scolefeild, James Hecke, Ralph Robinson. (All at large.)

The same, for assaulting at the same time and place, and maltreating Margaret wife of Robt. Scolefeild. Same witnesses. (All at large.)

John Wilkinson of Hallifax, laborer, for assaulting there on 9 July, 1638, and maltreating Laurence Sonkey. Witn., Law. Sunkey, Judith Wray. (At large.)

[49*d*] Thomas Hawley of West Ardesley, yeoman, for assaulting there on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1638, and maltreating Thomas Bradley. Witn., Tho. Bradley. (At large. Confesses the indictment, fine taxed at 12*d.*)

<sup>1</sup> A coverlet (Halliwell).

Jane Hepworth, wife of Joseph Hepworth of Kirkheaton, husbandman, for assaulting there on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1638, and maltreating John Tailor. Witn., Jo. Taylor. (Puts herself, not guilty.)

Henry Westerman of Rothwell, laborer, for assaulting there on 31 May, 1638, and maltreating Elizabeth Blithman. Witn., Eliz. Blithman, Rich. Brookehouse. (At large. Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

Edmund Turner of Morton, yeoman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1637(-8), converting a house there into a cottage for the habitation of one Chas. Wood, and not assigning to it 4 acres of land to be continuously occupied therewith, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Tho. Walker. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 50] Joseph Whitehead of Stanley, laborer, for stealing on 27 April, 1638, at Wakefeild, "a stroake of wheate," value 2s., the property of John Snaden. Also Katherine wife of Anthony Arome of the same place, for knowingly receiving and aiding him at Stanley on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. Witn., Eliz. Snawden. (At large.)

That the highway between the market town of Keighley and the market town of Leeds, within the parish of Bingley, and township of Morton, in a lane there between Riddlesden and Rishworth, is now in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Bingley ought to repair the same. Therefore a penalty of £20 is laid upon the same inhabitants to sufficiently repair the same road before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August next. And that the inhabitant occupiers of lands lying near the said lane shall cut their hedges and fences so that the King's lieges may pass by that way, and that under a penalty of £20. Witn., Tho. Walker, Jo. Bynns.

Thomas Bradley of Woodchurch, laborer, for assaulting there on 23 June, 1638, and maltreating Thomas Hooley. Witn., Tho. Howley, Anne Howley. (At large. Confesses the indictment, and the fine is taxed at 12*d*.)

[50*d*] Michael Ellis of Hallifax, laborer, Rebecca his wife, and Thomas Walker of the same, laborer, for assaulting there on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, and maltreating Matthew Nailor. Witn., Math. Nailor. (All at large.)

John Kay, Esq., one of the Justices, on his own view makes a presentment that the King's way between Honley Bridge and Highroyde be repaired before Michaelmas next, under a penalty of £20.



### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 19] **Arrears due to Churchwarden.** Upon complaint made unto this Court by Edward Firth of Sowerby, that, he being one of the churchwardens of the townshipp of Sowerby, that he hath disbursed the somme of xj*li*. xiijs. jd., which is arreare and unpaide unto him by the now churchwardens, ORDERED by this Court that the saide xj*li*. xiijs. iiij*d*. (*sic*) should be assessed upon the saide townshipp of Sowerby, and collected by y<sup>e</sup> now churchwardens, and paide over unto y<sup>e</sup> said Edward Firth, who formerly disbursed y<sup>e</sup> same.

**Bingley Cottages and Robert Scott, a pensioner.** [19*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 377.

**Mythomroyde bridge** [fol. 20] and **Mary Armitage of Meltham.** [20*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 378.

**Henry Bentley.** Upon consideracon taken of y<sup>e</sup> necessities of one Henry Bentley of Byrome, a poore old man, ORDERED that the saide Hen : Bentley shall have y<sup>e</sup> some of six pence weekly allowed towards his releife, and howseroom att Byrome.

**Petty constables in arrear.** [fol. 21] To y<sup>e</sup> bailiffe of the wapentacke of Barkston, his deputy, or deputies, and to all bailiffes, constables, and other his Ma<sup>ties</sup> officers and ministers, greeting.

Forasmuch as this Court is informed by John Spincke and Chr : Adams, gent., high constables of y<sup>e</sup> wapentake of Barkston, that diverse pettie constables within that wapentake are arreare and indebted unto them in severall somes of monie for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, which they contemptuously refuse to pay, THESE are therefore in his Ma<sup>ties</sup> name to charge and commaund you, that by vertue hereof, you arreast y<sup>e</sup> saide parties whose names are hereunder written, and them safely convent before some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace within this West Rideing, there to answer the premisses, and to be further dealt with all as to lawe and justice doth apperteyne. Whereof faile nott, etc.

**Christopher Hall.** To y<sup>e</sup> Sheriffe of the county of Yorke and to y<sup>e</sup> keeper of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> prison att y<sup>e</sup> castle of Yorke, greeting.

Forasmuch as Christopher Hall, late of Morton banckes, stands convented before us his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices here assembled for diverse felonies by him committed, and for that he stands indicted for the felonious stealing of a cowe, being the goods and chattells of one Miles Hardcastle, and hath not yet received his legall triall for the saide felonie, THESE are therefore to charge and commaund you to receive into your custodie the

saide Chr : Hall, and him safely keepe untill he shall thence be delivered by due course of lawe, whereof faile not, etc.

**James Haighe.** [21*d*] Forasmuch as James Haighe of Quarmby, being served w<sup>th</sup> proces by Richard Awdesley, informer upon penall statutes, and hath attended here all this sessions and noe informacon preferred against him, THIS COURT doth therefore adjudge and order that the saide Richard Awdesley shall pay unto the saide James Haighe the somme of xs. herein had and susteyned.

**Barwicke in Ellmett Assessment.** Whereas an assessment made by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Barwicke in Elmett was this daye produced in Cort and the same desired to be allowed and confirmed, now forasmuch as severall excepcons and objections were taken and made in open Cort against the saide assessment, ORDERED that Sir Thomas Gascoigne, Bart., doe take to him two or moe discreete menn of the said parishe, and take into their consideracons the saide assessment, and the excepcons herunto, and upon heareing the same to settle the differences if they cann, and soe compose the same, as this Cort be not further trobled therein, if not, to certifie their opinions and what they thincke fitt to be done, w<sup>ch</sup> this Cort will confirme accordingly, unles goode cause cann be showede to the contrary, att the next sessions to be holden for this devisi<sup>o</sup>n.<sup>1</sup>

#### SKIPTON.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 51] General Sessions held at, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, before Richard Tempest, knight, W<sup>m</sup> Lister, k<sup>t</sup>, W<sup>m</sup> Mallorie, esq., and Thomas Heber,<sup>2</sup> esq., Justices.

**JURORS** — John Hartley, gent., John Lupton, gent., Stephen Tillotson, Roger Whalley, Mathew Wood, John Wilson, W<sup>m</sup> Richardson, Thomas Holmes, George Croft, W<sup>m</sup> Parke *als.* Thorpe, Stephen Gill, Joshua Smithson, George Cockshott, John Parkinson, Henry Wilkinson, W<sup>m</sup> Smith, and Michael Lacklande.

**WHO PRESENT** — Thomas Chippindale of Leathley, laborer, for stealing there on 30 June, 1638, a tupp, value 5s., the property of Robt. Leeds. Witn., Ro. Leeds. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Settlement, [fol. 19*d*, 20, 20*d*, 21], Maintenance of bastard child [19*d*], and Relief of poor [20, 20*d*].

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Heber, Esq., of Marton, son of Thomas Heber, of the same place; baptised at Marton, 8 June, 1566; buried there 7 Feb., 1633. Married (1) Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Ferrand, of Carlton; (2) Mary, daughter of William Wycliffe, of Wycliffe.—J.W.C.



William Holmes of Addingham, laborer, for stealing there on 30 April, 1638, a harrow, value 5s., the property of someone unknown. Witn., Roger Webster. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty.)

[51*d*] John Mounsey of Staveley, laborer, for stealing at Weeton on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1638, two bushells of wheat, value 8s., the property of Edw<sup>d</sup> Armestead. Also Thomas Lancaster of Weeton, husbandman, for knowingly receiving and aiding him there on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Witn., Edw. Armestead. (At large.)

Robert Clerke of Grindleton, husbandman, and James Threlfall of the same, laborer, for stealing there on the last day of Feb., 1637(-8), 43 yards of woollen cloth, value 12*d*. a yard, the property of Abraham Beecroft. Witn., Abr: Beecroft, Ja. Dewhirst. (Both put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

John Gawthorpe, junior, of Carleton, laborer, for stealing there on 21 Feb., 1638 (*sic*), "a windowe cloath" value 6s. 8*d*., and a "poake"<sup>1</sup> (*sacculum*) val. 6*d*., the property of Thomas Leyland. Witn., Jo. Browne, Tho. Leyland, W<sup>m</sup> Stansfeild. (At large.)

[fol. 52] John Greene of Keighley, clerk, for stealing there on 30 June, 1638, "a long fower squared punction"<sup>2</sup> (*longum quadratum punct'*) and two long boards, value 10s., the property of John Scott and Richard Hall, churchwardens of Keighley. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Walters, Henry Ickorngill, Rich. Holmes. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Isabel Windsor, wife of Henry Windsor of Cold Conniston, for stealing "a linnen sheete, a ruffe bande, three coyffs,<sup>3</sup> two crossecloathes,<sup>4</sup> a neckcloath, one handkerchiffe, two silk girdles, two paire of gloves, two plaine bands, and one apron," value 20s., the property of Roger Malham. Witn., Anne Malham. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Richard Widdopp of Hartwith, yeoman, for on 1 Jan., 1637(-8), at Thriscrosse, breaking and entering the Forest of the Lady Maria, the Queen, called Knaresbrough Forest, and hunting with a greyhound, killing and taking away a young male "redd deere" within the said Forest. Witn., Fr. Bake, W<sup>m</sup> Farnhill, Steph. Shawe. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

<sup>1</sup> Poke, a bag, a small sack (*N.E.D.*).

<sup>2</sup> "Punchion," an upright piece of stout timber in a wooden partition (*Halliwell*).

<sup>3</sup> Coif, a close-fitting cap covering the top, back, and sides of the head, a cap of the nightcap form worn by women indoors, or under a bonnet (*N.E.D.*).

<sup>4</sup> Crosscloth, a linen cloth worn across the forehead (*N.E.D.*).

[52*d*] William Stansfeild of Carleton in Craven, chapman, for, on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1638, at Carleton, breaking into the close of one John Baxter and throwing down a yate there. Witn., Jo. Baxter, Jo. Baxter. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

The same for stealing on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1635(-6), at Carleton, a spade value 12*d.*, a cart load of stones called slate val. 2*s.* 6*d.*, and divers pieces of wood val. 2*s.*, the property of the churchwardens of Carleton Church. Witn., Jo. Baxter, Jo. Baxter, Jas<sup>s</sup> Dale, Jo. Browne. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Thomas Peele of Bolton, yeoman, for that on 1 June, 1638, he did maintain inmates in his several houses, viz. Brian Dicconson, when in truth and in fact he never assigned to the same cottage 4 acres of land to be occupied therewith. Witn., Tho. Carre, Ric. Broxup, Jo. Aynsworth. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Richard Wilkinson of Boardley, husbandman, W<sup>m</sup> Wallock of the same, yeoman, and James Trotter of Dent, yeoman, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1638, at Garsdale, a black horse, value £4, the property of Christopher Knowles. Witn., Law. Knowles, Chr. Knowles. (Put themselves, not guilty, at Knaresbrough, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1638.)<sup>1</sup>

[fol. 53] Thomas Lund of Elslake, husbandman, and Margaret his wife, for, on 5 July, 1638, breaking and entering the close of one Francis Wilkinson at Elslack, and taking away 4 "loade of hey," value 4*s.* each load, his property. Witn., Fran. Wilkinson. (At large. Both put themselves.)

William Trotter, yeoman, John Tennant, clerk, and George Mason, husbandman, all of Dent, for assaulting at Ingleton on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1638, and maltreating Christopher Wood. Witn., Chr. Wood, Jo. Mason, Jo. Lindsey, Jo. Sill. (Tennant at large. Trotter and Mason put themselves, not guilty.)

Henry Beane of Norwood,<sup>2</sup> laborer, for, on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1638, breaking and entering the dwellinghouse of Joshua Hardestie at Norwood. Witn., Ellen Leeming. (Puts himself on the clemency of the court; his fine is taxed at 12*d.*; paid sheriff.)

[53*d*] John Browne of Stainebeck, husbandman, for assaulting there on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1638, and maltreating Peter Hanley. Witn., Jo. Handley, Chris. Handley, Peeter Handley. (At large.)

John Hawkeshead, yeoman (confessed, fine 20*s.*), Dorothy Hargraves, widow, Roger Kitchin, Richard Brashey, Bernard Iley, W<sup>m</sup> Hudson, Francis Twisleton, Robt. Smith, Mathew

<sup>1</sup> This entry has been crossed out.

<sup>2</sup> In the township of Clifton-with-Norwood and parish of Fewston, Lower Division of Claro, six miles from Otley.



Huby, Robt. Burnsall, Jonas Pate, George Crier, Thomas Hustler, W<sup>m</sup> Pickering, Richard Corke, Thomas Oddie, Lancelot Iveson, Francis Clerke, and Richard Twisleton, all of Skipton, for, on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1638, without the authority of the Justices, keeping a common alehouse or tipling house at Skipton, and for many days afterwards continuously and publicly selling ale and beer to divers liege subjects of the King. Witn., Ro. Bickerdike. (All at large. Hawkeshead confesses, fined 20s.)

William Hall of Bracewell, husbandman, for entering the close of one Robert Gleadhill there on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1638, and killing with a gun, charged with powder and hail shot, a black cock called Moore game. Witn., Jo. Shawe, W<sup>m</sup> Barcroft. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 54] The same for assaulting at Bracewell on 6 June, 1638, and maltreating John Shawe. Witn., Jo. Shawe, Edw. Wilson. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

That the bridge commonly called Ingleton Bridge over the water of Greta, and between the market town of Wakefeild and the market town of Kirkby Kendall in co. Westmorland, is now in great decay for lack of repair, so that the King's lieges cannot pass over it without great peril of their lives. Witn., Jo. Conder, W<sup>m</sup> Wood, Leonard Procter.

That the King's highway between the market town of Skipton and the City of York was on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1638, in a place called Fitsmore yate, within the parish of Harwood, in great decay for lack of repair, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Harwood ought to repair it. Therefore a penalty of £5 is laid upon them that they sufficiently repair the same before the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle next. Witn., Jo. Moses. (On oath that the highway is repaired, the penalty is remitted by the court.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 22] **Coe bridge.** Upon complaint made unto this Court that Henry Wriglesworth, late one of the surveyors of the worke for Coe bridge, within the parishe of Long Preston, hath monies in his handes nott disbursed or imployed about y<sup>e</sup> repaire thereof, and that he hath not accompted for the monies by him imployed as aforesaide, ORDERED that the saide Hen: Wriglesworth shall furthwith attend Sir William Lister, knt., one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace within this Westriding, and make a perfect accompt of such monies as he hath received and disbursed for the saide

bridge, and pay and satisfie unto y<sup>e</sup> saide Sir William Lister such monies as he hath in his handes, y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> same may be imploied for the now present repaire thereof, being att this present in great ruyne and decay.

**William Barker, Addingham.** [22*d*] **Poore apprentices, Kighley, and Poore apprentices, Kildwick.** [23] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 378.

**Felons arrested, Linton in Craven.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 379.

**Highways.** [23*d*] Forasmuch as this Cort is informede that Anthony Armistead, bailiffe of the Wapentacke of Claroe, by vertue of an estreate out of this Court, levied of the inhabitants of the hamlett of Clinte, within the saide Westriding, the summe of tenn poundes, which he hath in his handes, and hath not ymployede the same for the repaire of the saide high wayes, but that they are repairede att their owne proper costes and chardges as by a certificate remaineing here in court doth appeare, ORDERED that the saide Anthony Armisteade shall, upon notice hereof, repay and satisfie unto the overseers of the highwayes there the summe of tenn poundes, to be restorede unto him who disbursed the same, or upon complainte made of his deniall hereof, he to be taken bounde to answeare his contempt the next sessions for this Westriding.<sup>1</sup>

#### KNARESBROUGH.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 55] General Sessions held at, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1638, before Ferdinando Fairfax, k<sup>t</sup>, Henry Goodricke, k<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Mauliverer, esq., and George Marwood, esq., Justices.

**JURORS**—Richard Parker, gent., John Pudsey, gent., Peter Scaglethorpp, Henry Dickenson, Richard Sutton, John Wilkinson, W<sup>m</sup> Stevenson, W<sup>m</sup> Pulleyne, Thomas Smythson, John Wilson, Ric. Wiglesworth, W<sup>m</sup> Flesher, Chris. Smythson, Robt. Tunstall, and John Guy.

**WHO PRESENT**—Isabel Coward of Dunkeswicke, spinster, for stealing there on 30 April, 1638, five pieces of wood called boards, value 5*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Burnley. Witn., Robt. Lee, Jo. Burnley. (Puts herself, guilty to 5*d.*, is whipped.)

William Simpson of the Intacke, laborer, for stealing on 30 April, 1638, at Averey Parke,<sup>2</sup> two cart loads of wood, value 6*s.* 8*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Tirwhitt. Witn., Tho. Sotherne.

<sup>1</sup> The only other order made at these Sessions was for the maintenance of a bastard child [22].

<sup>2</sup> Haverah Park, extra parochial, seven miles from Knaresborough.



(Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws, at Knaresbrough, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1639.)

Brian Abbott of Nether Dunsforth, blacksmith, for stealing there on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1637, a door, value 2s. 6*d.*, the property of Mathew Beckwith. Witn., Jo. Matherson, Jo. Browne, Rob. Burnand. (Puts himself, guilty to 4*d.*, is whipped.)

[55*d*] Richard Theaker of Kighley, butcher, for stealing there on 11 Sept., 1638, a silver hat band, value 3s. 4*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Clayton. Witn., Wm. Clayton. (At large.)

W<sup>m</sup> Mann of Marton-cum-Grafton, laborer, for stealing there on 21 April, 1638, "two hespes"<sup>1</sup> of yarn, value 18*d.*, and five pair of bridle bits (*camos*), value 18*d.*, the property of Thomas Hebden. Also Alice Mann, wife of Cuthbert Mann, of the same place, laborer, for inciting him thereto, and for knowingly receiving and harbouring him on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Witn., Tho. Hebden. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Wheelehouse of Clynt,<sup>2</sup> tailor, for stealing there on 10 Sept., 1638, a sword and a sword girdle, value 20s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Arthington, gent. Witn., Kat. Wheelehouse, Fr. Wheelehouse, Jo. Simpson. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

John Warriner of Knaresbrough, dyer, for stealing at Buerley, on 5 Aug., 1638, a cow, value 40s., the property of Peter Grange. Witn., Peter Grainge, Rich<sup>d</sup> Dowgill. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 49 *sic*] Peter May and Robert May of Over Dunsforth, laborers, and Isabel May of the same, widow, for assaulting there on 31 Aug., 1638, and maltreating W<sup>m</sup> Watter. Witn., Fr. Watter, Marger. Watter, Wm. Watter. (All at large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

Anne wife of Henry Sadler of Burton Leonard, laborer, for being there on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1638, and at divers other times, both before and afterwards, until now a common scold (*objurgatrix*) and slanderer. Witn., Tho. Weddell. (Confesses, and is bound for good behaviour.)

Thomas Lund of Elslacke, yeoman, and Margaret Lund his wife, for on the 1 Aug., 1638, breaking into a close of Francis Wilkinson at Elslacke; and taking therefrom 5 cartloads of hay, value 20s., his property. Witn., Fr. Wilkinson, Chr. Kellett. (Put themselves.)

A penalty of £10 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Kirkdighton that they sufficiently repair the King's highway

<sup>1</sup> "Hespe," a hank of yarn. (Hailiweil.)

<sup>2</sup> In the parish of Ripley, Upper Division of Claro, two miles from Ripley.

from Kirkdighton to Walshforth Bridge,<sup>1</sup> before the next Sessions. (By the assent of the whole Court.)

[49*d*] Francis Watter of Over Dunsforth, husbandman, Margery his wife, and W<sup>m</sup> Watter of the same, laborer, for assaulting there on 20 Aug., 1638, and maltreating Peter May. Witn., Peter May, Isab. May. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

W<sup>m</sup> Stansfeild of Carleton, chapman, for on the 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, saying there divers opprobrious and contemptuous words and threatenings to Edw<sup>d</sup> Tempest, gent., John Baxter, sen<sup>r</sup>, and John Baxter, jun<sup>r</sup>, and divers others, against the form of the recognizance by himself acknowledged in the Court of General Sessions held at Skipton on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, before Richard Tempest, knight, W<sup>m</sup> Lister, kt, W<sup>m</sup> Mallorye, esq., and Thomas Heber, esq., Justices, for the good behaviour of himself towards the King and all his people. Witn., Edw. Tempest, Jo. Baxter, Jo. Baxter, jun., Jo. Browne, Jo. Cowgill, Ja<sup>s</sup> Dale, Hen. Tillotson. All sworn. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

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#### Orders.

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[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 26] **Edward Scarre, Settlement.** Whereas divers differences have growen and risen betwixt the inhabitantes of the parish of Skipton and the inhabitantes of the parish of Ilkeley about the setleinge and provideinge for of one Edward Scarre, a poore man, who is growen lame and infirme, therefore not able to provide for himself, forasmuch as it appeareth that the said Edward was last settled with William Wayte of Langbarre, in the parish of Skipton, for the space of a yeare and eleven moneths, as a hired servant, and dureinge that tyme was hurt by a fall from a horse, of which hurt he afterwarde became lame, yet contynued within the parish of Skipton with his said master for the space of halfe a yeare or thereaboutes, after he became infirme, and since that tyme came into the parish of Ilkeley unto his mother with intent to recyde there, which the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the said parish of Ilkeley, takeinge notice of, have contynuallye opposed, feareinge he should be chargeable unto them, ORDERED by this Court that the said Edward Skarre shall be remaunded and sent from Ilkeley unto Skipton, there to be settled and provided for by the churchwardens and overseers of that parish, as his necessities shall require, and as the lawe in that case hath appointed.

<sup>1</sup> Walshford, in the township of Ribston-with-Walshford, Upper Division of Claro.



**Anne Barwicke, a lunatic.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 379.

**Hewicke bridge.**<sup>1</sup> [fol. 27] Forasmuch as this Court is informed that William Mallorye, esq., one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace within this Westriding, disbursed for the repaire of Hewicke bridge the summe of xviijs. vjd., which is arreare and unpaide unto him, ORDEREDE that Mr. Robert Benson, clerke of the peace for this Westriding, shall content and pay the saide summe out of the surplusage of the monyes formerly allowede unto Harwood bridge.

**Gargrave bridge.** [27d] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 379.<sup>2</sup>

### HALLIFAX.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 51] General Sessions held at, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct., 1638, before W<sup>m</sup> Savile, bar<sup>t</sup>, John Ramsden, k<sup>t</sup>, John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>, and John Farrer, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Rich<sup>d</sup> Lawe, gent., John Murgatroide, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Johnson, Leonard Baines, Edw<sup>d</sup> Brooke, Ric. Brooke, Tho<sup>s</sup> Holdsworth, Tho<sup>s</sup> Hodgshon, Mich<sup>l</sup> Driver, Robt. Pollerd, Ric. Brooke, sen<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Hoyle, James Cowper, W<sup>m</sup> Peares *als.* Smyth, and Barth. Parkinson.

WHO PRESENT—Robert Judson of Hawton, laborer, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1638, one sheep, value 4s., the property of James Swynden. Also Jane Flather of Hawton, widow, for knowingly receiving and harbouring him there on 11<sup>th</sup> Aug. Witn., Ja. Swinden, Geo. Greeneburne, Elizab. Cowbard. (Puts himself guilty to 10d., no chattels, is whipped.)

Jane Sladen of Sowerby, widow, and Edw<sup>d</sup> Sladen of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 20 Aug., 1638, thirty sheaves of barley, value 2s. 4d., the property of Robt. Crosley. Witn., Rob. Crosley. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

[51d] Thomas Gott of Micklethwaite,<sup>3</sup> laborer, for stealing at Byngley on 5 Sept., 1638, a wether sheep, value 8s., the property of someone unknown. Witn., Ed. Butler, Rob. Leache. (At large. Puts himself. Appeared at Wakefeild 10<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1638(-9).)

Anne, wife of John Ransley of Soyland, laborer, for stealing there on 25 Aug., 1638, a cloak (*penulam*) value 6s., and a hat

<sup>1</sup> In the township of Copt-Hewick and parish of Ripon, Lower Division of Claro.

<sup>2</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were : Bastardy [26d], Bastardy and subsequent escape from custody [27], and Settlement [27].

<sup>3</sup> In the township and parish of Bingley, Upper Division of Skyrack, 3½ miles from Keighley.

(*galer'*) value 3s. 4*d.*, the property of John Kershaye. Witn., Jo. Kershaye. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Cipron (?) Deane of Warley, laborer, for stealing at Ovenden on 31 July, 1638, "a skeele,<sup>1</sup> two piggins,<sup>2</sup> one sile,<sup>3</sup> and one sileing dishe," value 8*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Harrison. Witn., Wm. Harrison. (Puts himself, guilty to 2*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

Ellen, wife of John Croft of Pudsey, laborer, for stealing there on 1 Sept., 1638, two pounds of wool value 12*d.*, and "a lynn sheete" val. 6*d.*, the property of Mary Rawden, widow. Witn., Mary Rawden. (At large.)

[fol. 52] Thomas Berridge of Carleton, laborer, for stealing at Lofthouse, on 10 Sept., 1638, two hat bands (*spiras*), a book, two shirt bands, and a purse, value 18*d.*, the property of John Phillipps. Witn., Ja<sup>s</sup> Burnell, Hen. Johnson. (At large.)

The same, for stealing at the same time and place 7*d.* in money, a bridle, "a paire of cuffes, a neckcloth, two handkerchiffs, and a hatt band," value 2s., the property of Robt. Sikes. Same witnesses. (At large.) Also Dorothy Berridge, wife of Robt. Berridge of Carleton, laborer, for knowingly receiving and harbouring him on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. Same witnesses. (At large.)

W<sup>m</sup> Atkinson, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Almonbury, laborer, for stealing there on 27 Sept., 1638, "a handkerchiffe," value 2*d.*, and 8*d.* in money, the property of John Kay. Witn., Jo. Kay. Confession. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[52*d.*] W<sup>m</sup> Hudson of Haworth, laborer, for stealing there on 25 June, 1638, a sheep and a lamb, value 8s., the property of Thomas Greenwood. Witn., Tho. Greenwood. (Confesses, fine 3s. 4*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Mary Womersley of Hallifax, spinster, for stealing at Harteshead on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1638, "seaven pound of wooll," value 4s., the property of Robert Reyner. (Puts herself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels.) Also Thomas Broomehead of Harteshead, laborer, for knowingly receiving and harbouring her on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. Witn., Rob. Rayner.

John Proodfoote of Selby, tailor, for stealing there on 31 Aug., 1638, a smock, value 2s., the property of Robt. Cressey. Witn., Tho : Wawde. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Robt. Wood of Wakefeild, laborer, for stealing at Heaton on 20 Sept., 1638, a ewe sheep, value 3s., the property of Rich<sup>d</sup>

<sup>1</sup> An iron slice used for skimming the grease off broth. (Halliwell.)

<sup>2</sup> Small wooden vessels made in the manner of half-barrels. (Halliwell.)

<sup>3</sup> A strainer.



Mills. Witn., Ric. Mills, Arthur Brooke. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels.)

[fol. 53] Anne Crabtree, wife of Samuel Crabtree of Horsforth, laborer, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1638, coals, value 2*s.*, the property of John Stanhope, gent. Witn., John Roodes. (At large.)

Gamaliel Whittacres of Kirkburton, clerk, and Robert Dicconson of the same, yeoman, for assaulting there on 14 July, 1638, and maltreating Thomas Moakeson. Witn., Tho. Moakeson. (At large. Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

Richard Pighells of Horton, clothier, for assaulting there on 26 Sept., 1638, Mary the wife of W<sup>m</sup> Lillie, against the form of a recognizance by him entered into before Richard Tempest, k<sup>t</sup>, one of the Justices, on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept., for behaving peacefully in general and especially towards Alice wife of Simeon Rossenden. Witn., Simeon Rossenden, Walter Holdsworth. (Puts himself, confesses, fine is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.*, at Wakefeild, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1638(-9).)

Luke Johnson of Durker,<sup>1</sup> yeoman, for assaulting at Wakefeild on 4 Aug., 1638, and maltreating George Shires. Witn., Geo. Shires, Benj. Shires. (Bound to process. Without the realm.)

[53*d*] Isaac Earneshey of Skircoate, clothier, for assaulting there on 1 Aug., 1638, and maltreating John Milner. Witn., Jo. Earneshey. (Confesses, fine 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Samuel Newton of Netherthwonge,<sup>2</sup> husbandman, for assaulting there on 1 Aug., 1637, and maltreating Cena, wife of Ric. Beamont. Witn., Cena Beamont. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Edmund Hickorngill of Abberford, gent., for that within one month following the 1 Sept., 1638, he did not repair to any church, chapel, or usual place of common prayer, but hath forborne the same, against the Statutes, etc. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Tailor. (Public proclamation was made according to the form of the Statute.)

[fol. 54] W<sup>m</sup> Miller of Clayton, laborer, for assaulting at Bradford on 25 Sept., 1638, and maltreating John Walker. Witn., Jo. Walker, Chr. Butterfeild. (At large.)

Thomas Genn of Holmfirth, yeoman, for unlawfully cutting the tail of a horse of Godfrey Mathewman at Warmefeld on

<sup>1</sup> Dircarr, hamlet in the township of Crigglestone and parish of Sandal-Magna, Manor of Wakefield, four miles from Wakefield.

<sup>2</sup> Nether-Thong, in the parish of Aldmondbury, Agbrigg Division of Agbrigg and Morley, Liberty of Wakefield, six miles from Huddersfield.

1 Aug., 1638. Witn., Suzan Bray, Suzan Mathewman. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 12*d*.)

Cecily Walker, wife of John Walker of Burstall, laborer, for being a common scold there on 20 July, 1638, and at other times, both before and since, until now. Witn., Jo. Marshe, Jo. Mallinson, Edw<sup>d</sup> Coates. (At large.)

Mem. that William Savile, baronet, presented of his own knowledge that the King's highway within the parish of Dewsberry, in a place near the mills called Dewsberry Milnes, and leading between the town and parish of Mirfeild and the market town of Wakefeild, is now ruinous and in great decay for lack of repair, etc. Therefore the Justices laid a penalty of £10 upon Ric. Sykes, clerk, (liable for the repair), to repair and amend the same before the next General Sessions to be held after the feast of Epiphany. (Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 28] **Rastricke, Fixby. Brighthouse Court Leet.**  
Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 379

**Warley, Hen. Merrill** [fol. 28*d*] and **Lunatic apprentice.**  
Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 380.

**Wadsworth Constables.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed by John Eastwood, late constable of Wadsworth, that he beinge constable there in A.D. 1637, disbursed the somme of xj*li*. in execucon of his office, which is in arreare and unpaid him, althoughe he hath often demaunded the same, ORDERED that the said somme shall be paid by the constable of Wadesworth aforesaid uppon sight hereof, and an assessment to be made for that somme, to be made and assessed uppon that towneshipp accordeingly, and if the said cunstable shall refuse to pay, then uppon complaint made to somme of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace within this Westriding, he to be taken bound to answeare his contempt in the premisses.

**Assessment.** [fol. 29] Whereas John Whitley of Hipperholme hath this day complayned to this Court that he is over-sessed in his layes and assessmentes for releefe of the poore and other layes, ORDERED that the said John Whitley be abated xij*d*. a moneth of the assessment he now payeth to the poore, and accordinge to that rate in his other assessments.

**Assessment.** Forasmuch as Joseph Butterworth, in this Westriding, informed this Court that he is overcharged in his layes and assessmentes for the releefe of the poore of the parish of Hallifax, beinge assessed after the rate of xvij*d*. monethly,



UPPON consideracon taken of the premisses, this Court doth thinke fitt that the said Joseph Butterworth shall pay xij*d.* monethly hereafter, and doth order the same accordingly.

**Assessment.** Whereas Edward Bates of Greetland peticoned this Court and informed that he is assessed after the rate of vj*d.* monthly for releefe of the poore, beinge not worth in debtttes [and] goodes three-score poundes, ORDERED that the said Edward shall pay the somme of iiij*d.* monethly hereafter and noe more.

**Cottage for the Poor.** [29*d.*] Forasmuch as William Jenkinson of North Owrom, inhabitinge now in a cottage belonginge to the poore, and to be used and ymployed for the use of the poore, and beinge formerlye ordered to departe out of that house contemptuously refuseth, ORDERED that the said William Jenkinson shall, uppon sight hereof, remove out of the said house, or, uppon complaint made to any of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace within the Westridinge, a warrant to be awarded against him to take him bound to answeere his contempt the next sessions.

**Cottage.** Forasmuch as William Jenkinson, inhabitinge nowe in a cottage in Northowrom belonginge to John Suttcliffe, and beinge formerly ordered to departe out of that house contemptuously refuseth, ORDERED that the said William shall, uppon sight hereof, remove out of the said house, or, uppon complaint made to any of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace within the Westridinge, a warrant to be awarded against him to take him bound to answeere his contempt the next sessions.

**Arrest of a Grand Juror, and Scold to be ducked.** [fol. 30] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 380.

**Poor apprentice.** Whereas William Garth, late of Heaton, in the parish of Bradforde, deceased, haveing in his life time a poore apprentice putt unto him, which saide apprentice is at this present likelye to be unprovidedde for in regarde of some difference betwixt Mary Garth, wife of the saide William, and James Garth, heire unto the said William, forasmuch as itt appeareth unto this Court that the said Mary Garth hath a joynture of xiiij*li.* per annum, and also hath administrede of an inventorye of goodes of the saide William amounteing to the value of fowrescore and tenn pounds and upwardes, ORDERED that the saide Mary Garth shall take and keepe the saide apprentice as by lawe she ought.

**Assessment.** Forasmuch as this Court is informede that Richard Beamont of Netherthwonge, in the parish of Almonburye, is over assessed in all his layes and assessmentes, haveing

solde away a great parte of his lands, and yett is chardgede with the same assessment he was when he had all the whole lands, ORDERED that all the lands which he now hath, and that which he hath solde away, shalbe assessed rateably and porconably hereafter, and that the owners and occupiers of the rest of the landes shall pay their porporconable partes of all assessments which he shalbe chardged with.

**Awdestry v. Kershawe and others.** ITT IS ORDERED, that upon notice given to James Kershawe, John Appleyarde, James Campinett, John Firth, William Whitley, and Roberte Helworth, who have appearede to severall informacons at the suite of Richard Awdestry, and not pleadede, that unlesse they pleade the next sessions to the severall informacons against them, that judgements be entred for the relator by defalte.

**Awdestry v. Wilson and others.** [30*d*] Upon the oath of Jeremie Roper, made this day in Court, that he served his Mat<sup>ies</sup> writtes of subpena under the seale of this Court upon Henry Wilson of Soylande, Edward Townende of Greetlande, Andrew Haighe of Wilbore Lee, Francis Smith of Utley, Thomas Mitchell of Haworth, and John Firth of Stainlande, wherby they were to answeare unto severall informacons exhibited against them by Richard Awdestry, ORDERED that severall writtes of attachmentes be awardedde against them, retornable the next generall quarter sessions for this Westriding.

**A barretor and Brighthouse bridge.** [fol. 31] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 380.<sup>1</sup>

#### DONCASTER.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 55] General Sessions held at, 10 Oct., 1638, before Thomas Wentworth, knight, Edw<sup>d</sup> Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Jopson,<sup>2</sup> esq., W<sup>m</sup> West, esq., and Robert Rockley, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Ric. Newsome, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Baines, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Robinson, gent., Thomas Mallinson, Robert Lund, Robert Wood, Henry Pickeringe, Alex. Rawson, Thomas Hill, Geo. Elwis, Robt. Elwis, Thomas Wood, Thomas Justice, Edw<sup>d</sup> Smyth, and Thomas Triffett.

WHO PRESENT—Robert Exiley of Mexbrough, laborer, for stealing there on 9 Sept., 1638, “a stooke of wheate and two

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Settlement [28, 28*d*, 29] and Cottage [28, 29*d*].

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Jobson, of Cudworth, was son of Thomas Jobson, also of Cudworth, by Mary, daughter of William Witham, Esq., of Ledston. He was baptized 28 Jan., 1606, and was a J.P. and Treasurer of Lame Soldiers. He died 22 Aug., 1653, buried at Royston. His son, William, was created a Baronet.—J.W.C.



sheaves of wheate," value 6s. 8*d.*, the property of Samuel Savile, gent. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.) Also Richard Yates of Mexbrough, husbandman, for previously inciting and persuading him, and afterwards receiving and harbouring him. Witness, confession, Rob. Eliley.

[55*d*] Kath. Thompson, wife of Abell Thompson of London, laborer, for stealing at Todwicke on 1 Aug., 1638, "a cloake," value 16s., the property of Robert Eyre. Witn., Ro. Eyre, Rob. Robson. (At large.)

Henry Hoyle of Cudworth, laborer, for stealing there on 27<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1638, fifteen sheaves of oats, value 3s. 4*d.*, the property of Thomas Jopson, esq. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Reyner. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels.)

Elizabeth Hoyle of Cudworth, spinster, for stealing there on 26 Aug., 1638, three sheaves of oats, value 10*d.*, the property of Tho. Jopson, esq. Witn., Tho. Walker, Eliz. Sikes. (At large.)

John Wilson of Maltbie, laborer, for stealing there on 1 Aug., 1638, six sheep, value 20s., the property of Thomas Spencer. Witn., Tho. Spencer. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 56] Mary Ellis of Barnesley, spinster, for stealing there on 1 Oct., 1638, two linen sheets and a "pillow bere," value 8s., the property of James Langbothome. Also Jane Trevelove, wife of Thomas Trevelove, nailer, and Elizabeth Hirst, spinster, both of the same place, for knowingly receiving and harbouring her. Witn., James Langbothome. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels.)

John Huscroft of Arkesey, husbandman, for stealing there on 23 July, 1638, *unum satum pisarum, Angl.* "a mett<sup>1</sup> of pease," value 2s., the property of John Revell, gent. Witn., Jo. Revell, Jo. Birks, Tho. Hutchinson. (Puts himself, guilty to 1*d.*, no chattels.)

John Reinold, jun., Thomas Marshall, Baxter Ridgall, and Thomas Brewster, all of Stanforth, husbandmen, for stealing there on 26 Sept., 1638, two geese, val. (*blank*), the property of someone unknown. Witn., Tho. Allanson. (All put themselves, not guilty.)

[56*d*] Anne Kay of Wakefeild, spinster, for stealing at Shefeild on 9 Aug., 1638, "one paire of bodies,"<sup>2</sup> value 2s., the property of John Dale. Witn., Jo. Dale. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

<sup>1</sup> A bushel, some writers say two bushels. (Halliwell.)

<sup>2</sup> A pair of stays. (*N.E.D.*)

Anne Smyth, wife of James Smyth of Wadworth, husbandman, Rosamund Smyth, spinster, and Mary Crawshay, wife of John Crawshay of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 30 Aug., 1638, three sheaves of barley, value 18*d.*, the property of Christopher Copley, gent. Witn., Anne Yates. (The two Smyths put themselves, guilty to 2*d.*, no chattels, are whipped. Crawshay puts herself, not guilty.)

Ellen wife of Ric. Stubbin of Rotheram, laborer, Jane wife of John Hall of the same, laborer, and Margaret Sherwood of the same, spinster, for stealing at Whiston on 20 Aug., 1638, a sack of oats, value 2*s.*, the property of Chris. Cutler. Witn., Chris. Cutler. (All at large. All put themselves, guilty to 2*d.*)

[fol. 57] W<sup>m</sup> Rogers and Ric. Gervas, both of Brampton, laborers, for on 22 Aug., 1638, at Aston, breaking into a close of Francis Fane, Knight of the hon. order of the Bath, and fishing, and unlawfully taking "20 carpes," value 10*s.*, from a pond there, to the great damage of the said Francis. Confession. (Confess, fine 5*s.*, paid Sheriff.)

Richard Bacon of Dungworth Storrs, in Bradfeild, yeoman, Robert Bacon of the same, husbandman, and Scena Bacon of the same, spinster, for on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1637(-8), breaking into a close there of John Wainewright, commonly called Cow close, throwing down the stone walls, turning up the soil with ploughs, and injuring the grass there growing, with certain beasts depasturing there. Witn., Ric. Wainewright. (All at large. All put themselves, not guilty.)

Richard Speight of Darrington, husbandman, and John Smith of Wentbrigg, husbandman, being Constables of Darrington and Wentbrigg, for not executing their office there on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1638, when ordered, in contempt of the Justices and to the bad example of others. Witn., Elizab. Lodge, Tho. Hologate. (Put themselves on the clemency of the Court; their fine is taxed at 20*s.* and 10*s.* respectively, paid Sheriff.)

[57*d*] Richard Yates of Mexbrough, husbandman, for stealing there on 23 Aug., 1638, nine sheaves of wheat, value 6*s.* 8*d.*, the property of Samuel Savile, gent. Witn., Ro. Exley. (Puts himself, guilty, fine 20*s.*, paid Sheriff.)

Thomas West of Todwicke, laborer, for that on the 27 July, 1638, having been ordered by the Constable of Todwicke to take to the House of Correction at Wakefeild Katherine Thompson for vagrancy, he unlawfully allowed her to go where she willed. Witn., Anth. Fox. (Confesses, fine 6*s.* 8*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 58] W<sup>m</sup> Howle of Sheffield, tanner, and Anne his wife, for on the 3<sup>d</sup> Oct., 1638, breaking into a house there in the



possession of James Carr, and unlawfully expelling him therefrom, and keeping him out of possession to this day. Witn., James Carr, Francis Steven *als.* Urton. (At large.)

Peter Oadson of Cadeby, wyner, for on the 28 Sept., 1638, in the open street there setting fire to some wood, and publicly saying, "that he would either pull downe or burne some howses before he went to bedd," to the great terror of his neighbours. Witn., Jo. Pigott, Jennett Reynes, widow. (Puts himself, dead.)

Tymothy Scott of Bishopdyke, gent., and Jane Scott, his wife, for on 23 Apr., 1638, at Kirkfenton, unlawfully taking £15 4s. in money, the property of Henry Bates, clerk. Witn., Hen. Bates. (At large. Process is removed.)

[58*d*] The same Tymothy Scott for unlawfully taking at St John's<sup>1</sup> on the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1637, twenty partridges with nets and other engines. Witn., Henry Bates, clerk. (At large. Process is removed.)

Isaac Lumbrail of Belton, co. Lyncoln, gent., for having fraudulently counterfeited and published on 28 April, 1637, at Thurne a false writing containing an Indenture made between Henry Kinston of Busse, within the Duchy of Brabant, gent., and him the said Isaac Lumbraile, described as of Belton, in the Isle of Axholm, co. Lincoln, gent., of the one part, and Thomas Pilsworth of Epworth, in the s<sup>d</sup> Isle and County, yeoman, of the other part, by which the s<sup>d</sup> Henry and Isaac granted, demised, and to farm let to the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Pilsworth All that close of meadow and pasture within the Wro Carr in the Levell of Hatefeild chase containing by estimation 40 acres, To hold from the feast of the Annunciation then last past for the term of 14 years, yielding to the s<sup>d</sup> Henry and Isaac the sum of £25 4s. 0*d.* yearly at Michaelmas and Lady Day by equal portions. Witn., Jo. Whittacres, Tho. Whitley. (At large. Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

[fol. 59] Thomas Rawson of Wakefeild, butcher, Robert Norfolk of the same, butcher, Richard Coward of Criglestone, cardmaker, W<sup>m</sup> Turner of the same, cardmaker, and Thomas Rodes of the same, hosier, for unlawfully assembling on 31 July, 1638, at Criglestone, and there breaking into a close of one Thomas Wright, commonly called Netherroide, and entering his house and assaulting and grievously wounding Mathew Wright his son. Also for taking away a sword value 5s., and a bill value 6*d.*, the property of the s<sup>d</sup> Mathew Wright. Witn., Eliz. Wright, Hen. Eaton, Tho. Edmondson, Faith

<sup>1</sup> A parish town in the township of Throapham, six miles from Tickhill.

Wright, Sara Wright. (Rawson at large. Norfolk at large, puts himself. Coward puts himself, not guilty. Turner at large. Rodes at large.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 32] **Killing deer in Wortley New Park, and Fire at Bradfield.** [32*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 381.

**Poor apprentice.** Forasmuch as Anne Austwick, a poore childe, was heretofore placed as an apprentice by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Rotheram, accordinge to the forme of the Statute, unto Roberte Winter of Rotheram aforesaid, which said Winter hath since putt away his said apprentice or forced her to absent herselfe from his service, ORDERED, uppon heareinge of both parties, that the said Winter shall furthwith take the said Anne into his service againe, and use her well, or els shall within one moneth next pay the somme of fiftie shillinges to the said overseers and churchwardens to provide the said Anne of another maister.

**Brightside bridge** [fol. 33] and **Darrington.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 382.

**Campsall Assessments.** [33*d*] Uppon oppen heareinge of the differences dependinge amongst the inhabitantes of the townshipp of Campsall, about theire layes and assessmentes for the use of the poore there, and uppon the perusall of an order formerly made, ORDERED, by the consent of Mr Francke and others, the inhabitantes there, that the meadowes of the said groundes, the orchardes and croftes adjoyneinge unto the same, shall be assessed after the rate of ij*d*. an acre, and all the rest of the enclosed landes after the rate of j*d*. an acre, and for the rest of the land that lyes open and not enclosed that to be assessed after the rate of a halfpenny an acre, and this proporcon to be observed hereafter.

**Burglary.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed by the peticon of Elizabeth Hodge, widowe, of Darrington, that uppon Munday last was fortnight, about one of the clocke in day tyme, her house was broken, shee beinge then abroad, and divers goodes stollen and taken out of the said house to a good vallue, and althoughe shee made present and hott pursuit, yett the fellows could not be apprehended, soe that by the losse of those goodes shee is driven into great necessitie and povertie, THIS COURT doth therefore entreat the ministers and curates of the severall churches and chappells of the wappentack of Osgodcrosse, that they will please to publish the contentes hereof



in theire severall churches and chappells uppon somme Sunday, and that the churchwardens will collect and gather the benevolence of the severall parishioners then assembled towardes the releefe of the said poore woman.

**Hillary Firth.** Forasmuch as Hillary Firth of Himsworth informeth this Court that he, beinge a poore collier, is now for the present destitute of howseroome and harbour for himself, his wife, and foure small children, and unlesse some course be taken for his releefe he will be constrayned to live in great necessitie and want, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there shall not onely provide a convenient habitacon for him, but also allowe him such further allowance as his necessities shall require.

**Fire.** [fol. 34] Forasmuch as this Court is informed for and on the behalfe of Dorothy Burgoyne, widowe, of Snowden hill, within the towneshipp of Hunshelfe and parish of Pennistone, that 7 Sep. last, through fire maliciously put into her barne (as is conceived), the said barne, conteyninge five bayes of buildinge, with three hundred thraves of corne and twelve loades of hay, together with her implementes for husbandry and other wood therein beinge, amountinge in the whole to the value of a hundred poundes att the least, were utterly consumed and burnt, by meanes whereof, consideringe the losse of her owne corne and fodder for her winter provision, which by noe meanes could be saved, the said Dorothy and sixe children are soe impoverished that shee and they are likely to fall into great want, now, because it is conceived that the said summe is not of sufficient value to peticon his Matie for his gracious lettres pattentes for a collecon, and because there is noe stock of the cuntries moneys in surplisage to recompence the peticoners losse accordeinge to the Statute, THIS COURT doth therefore entreat the severall ministers and curates of the severall churches and chappells within this Westriding, uppon somme Lordes day, in theire oppen assembly, to publish the contentes hereof, and the churchwardens there to collect and gather the charitable benevolence of the severall parishioners there for and towardes the said poore woman's releife in this her necessitie.

**Killing deer in Wortley Park.** [34d] See Y.A.J., v, 381.

**Maintenance of relative.** Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of the parish of Bradfeild have peticoned the Court and informed that one Grace Mellor, an old poore widowe, hath for a longe space bene maynetayned and releived by th'inhabitantes of Bradfeild aforesaid, and that shee hath a sonne, one Thomas

Mellor, who is growne into good estate, and therefore it was desired that he, the said Thomas, might contribute towardes the releefe of his said mother, ORDERED that the said Thomas shall pay the summe of xviiij*d.* monethly for the releefe of his said mother, and towardes the ease of that parish, untill he cann shew cause to the contrary.

**Anthony Coldwell, curate of Swinton.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 382.

**Fire at Tankersley.** [fol. 35] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 383.

**Cottage.** Uppon consideracon taken of the necessities of William Laughton of Denington,<sup>1</sup> labbrer, beinge verie poore, and now for the present destitute of harbour and houseroome, and not able to pay rent or otherwise to provyde for himself, ORDERED that the said William shall have libertie to erect and build himself a house uppon the waste att Denington, with the consent of the lorde of the mannor, or his officers there.

**Alice Revell.** Uppon the peticon of Alice Revell, late of Gilloingwells,<sup>2</sup> who sheweth that shee is destitute of houseroome and harbour, being a poore woman and ympotent, and not able to provide for herself, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there shall provide necessary habitacon for the said Alice, and allowe such other releefe as her necessities shall require, or uppon theire default the penaltie of the lawe to be ymposed uppon them.

**Result of an Escape from custodie.** [35*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 383.

**Jervas Sherlocke.** Upon complainte made unto this Court by Jervas Sherlocke of Munckbretton, laborer, [who] is destitute of houseroome and harbour, being poore and not able to provyde for himselfe, ORDERED that the saide Jervas shall have a house builte upon the waste there, with the consent of the lord of the mannor, or els that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there shall provyde for him according to his necessities.

**Sheffield and Ecclesall.** [fol. 36] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 383.

**Poor apprentice.** Forasmuch as diuers differences have dependede betwixt the churchw: and overseers of the parish of Silkeston and James Lindley and William Lindley of that parish, about placeing one Thomas Herley, a poore childe, as an apprentice, ORDERED, by consent of the saide James Lindley and William Lindley, that the saide Thomas Herley shall be

<sup>1</sup> Dinnington, a parish town, eight miles from Tickhill.

<sup>2</sup> Probably Gildingwells, in the township of Woodsets-with-Gildingwells, and parish of South Anston, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill.



and remaine with them as a poore apprentice, according to the indentures formerly tendrede unto them, and as the lawe in that case hath appointed.<sup>1</sup>

### WETHERBY.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 60] General Sessions held at, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1638(-9), before Ferdinando Fairfax, knight, Henry Goodricke, k<sup>t</sup>, William Ingram, k<sup>t</sup>, and Thomas Mauleverer, esq., Justices.

JURORS—W<sup>m</sup> Blythman, gent., John Parkinson, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Mann, gent., Ric. Brown, gent., Peter Scaglethorpp, gent., Ric. Dicconson, gent., Henry Dicconson, Will. Smyth, W<sup>m</sup> Broadbelt, John Bucktroute, John Procter, Robt. Ellis, W<sup>m</sup> Gill, Edward Cowper, and George Wheelehouse.

WHO PRESENT — Robert May of Over Dunsforth, laborer, for assaulting there on 25 Aug., 1638, and maltreating Margery Watter, wife of Francis Watter. Witn., Parnall Fitling, Anne Fitling, Margery Watter. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Richard Horner of Wetherby, laborer, for breaking and entering the house of George Heron at Beamesley on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1638, and throwing down the walls thereof. Also with assaulting and maltreating Jane the wife of the s<sup>d</sup> George Heron. Witn., Geo. Heron. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[60*d*] Thomas Swinglehurst of Gisborne, mason, for keeping in his house at Boulton on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1638, as an Inmate, Robert Carr, without assigning to the s<sup>d</sup> house 4 acres of land to be occupied therewith. Witn., Fr. Foster. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Mathew Moore of Knaresbrough, laborer, Dorothy his wife, and Thomas Casse of the same, laborer, for assaulting there on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1638, and maltreating W<sup>m</sup> Midleton. Witn., Wm. Midleton, Rich. Baxter. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 10s.)

Henry Dicconson of Burton Leonard, husbandman, for assaulting there on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1638, and maltreating Richard Webster. Witn., Ric. Webster, Geo. Shortt. (Puts himself, 6s. 8*d*. fine.)

[fol. 61] A penalty of £5 is laid upon Thomas Dicconson of Kirkbie Usborne, gent., that he shall not stopp or hinder the watercourse at Kirkbie Hall as far as a Mill commonly called Knack Milne at Thorp Underwood, to the great damage

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Settlement [34] and Cottage [35*d*].

of all the inhabitants adjoining, viz. of Kirkebie Hall, Great Usborne, and Little Usborne, but permit the water to run as of old, before the 3<sup>d</sup> May next. Witn., Wm. Dicconson, Tho. Dicconson.

**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 37] **Constableness of Steeton.** Uppon the peticon of the inhabitantes of Steeton, who shewe that divers disconsons doe arise amongst them by reason of one Francis Craven, who pretendeth himself to be constable of Steeton, though he hath bene disallowed of by Sir Richard Tempest, knt., one of his Maties justices of peace within this Rideinge, and one Francis Eastborne sworne in his roome, THIS COURT doth therefore thinke fitt that the said Eastborne shall execute the said office, and doe confirme the same formerly done by the said Sir Richard, which if the said Craven refuse to observe, then to be convented before somme of his Maties justices of peace within this Rideinge, there to be bound to answer the next sessions, at the meane tyme to be of good behaviour.

**Maintenance of pauper.** Uppon heareinge the differences dependinge betwene th'inhabitantes of the parish of Skipton and th'inhabitantes of the parish of Ilkeley, about the providinge and maynetayneinge one Edward Scarre, a poore boy, forasmuch as it was ordered the last sessions att Knaresbroughe that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Skipton should provyde for the said Edward, which they have contemptuously neglected, but left him to the charge of the inhabitantes of the parish of Ilkeley, in contempt of the said former order, ORDERED that the said churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the said parish of Skipton shall pay all such costes and charges as have bene expended in provydeinge for the said Edward by them of Ilkeley, and that the said churchwardens and overseers shall forthwith finde suerties to answer theire said contempt att the next sessions to be holden for this Westriding.

**Fewston.** [37*d*] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 383.

**Kirkdighton highways.** Wheareas a payne was formerly ymposed uppon the inhabitantes of the parish of Kirkdighton for repaireinge of theire highwayes there, IT IS NOWE ORDERED that Sir Henry Goodricke, knt., Thomas Mauliverer, and Charles Tankard, esquiers, shall veiwe the said highwayes, and uppon theyre certificate that the said highwayes are sufficiently repaired, the same to be discharged, or els the said paine to be estraited. [Folio 38 is missing.]



## WAKEFEILD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 62] General Sessions held at, 10 January, 1638(-9), before John Kaye, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., John Farrer, esq., and Thomas Thornhill, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Francis Popeley, gent., Cha<sup>s</sup> Hall, gent., Gabriel Brereclyffe, gent., Ric. Pollerd, gent., John Boyne, yeoman, Robt. Thornton, yeoman, Gilbert Cawdrey, W<sup>m</sup> Care, W<sup>m</sup> Oldridge, John Ray, Edward Scoles, James Nailer, Roger Swift, Robt. Hopkinson, John Casson, Mathew Stead, and Francis Stockes.

WHO PRESENT—Henry Birkenshawe (at large), George Wareing (puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws), and James Remington (puts himself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels), all of Ferrifriston, laborers, for stealing on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1638, at Wragbie, a wether sheep, value 10*s.*, the property of John Wilson. Witn., Jo. Wilkinson.

Joseph Crabtree of Heptonstall, laborer, for stealing there on 12 Oct., 1638, eight pounds of "wooll and yarne," value 5*s.*, the property of someone unknown. Witn., Geo. Harwood, Will. Ingham. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

[62*d*] Thomas Horsfall and Edward Akerside, both of Heptonstall, laborers, for stealing there on 10 Dec., 1638, two bushels of oats, value 5*s.*, the property of John Mitchell. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell.

John Thomson of Midleton, shoemaker, for stealing at Swillington on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, three cow hides, value 40*s.*, the property of Ric. Prince. (At large.) Also W<sup>m</sup> Hicks of Leeds, currier, and W<sup>m</sup> Smyth of the same, shoemaker, for knowingly receiving and harbouring him on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Witn., Ric. Prince, Tho. Lamb, Anne Hicks.

Mary Benkes of Chappelthorpp, spinster, for stealing there on 27 Oct., 1638, one peck of wheat, value 2*s.*, the property of Thomas Newton. Witness. Examinations. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 63] Ambrose Hinchclyffe of Holmfirth, carpenter, for stealing at Peniston on 1 Dec., 1638, two ewe sheep, value 10*s.*, the property of Francis Haighe. Witn., Fr. Haighe. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Philip Harrison of Bradford, laborer, for stealing there on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1638, a shirt value 4*s.*, and a smock val. 3*s.*, the property of Sarah Collier. Witn., Judith Hopkin, Mercy Nailor, Rob. Dawson. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Hardie of Mirfeild, laborer, for stealing on 19 Oct., 1638, at Ossett, a goose, value 18*d.*, the property of Robt. Burghe. Witn., Ro. Burghe, Jo. Armitage, Jo. Brooke, Elizab. Brooke. (At large.)

David Hirst and Ric. Oxley, both of Wakefeild, laborers, for stealing on 4 Jan., 1638(-9), at Walton, a sheep, val. 4*s.*, the property of Thomas Wightman. Witn., Tho. Wightman. (Hirst puts himself, guilty to 4*d.*, no chattels, is whipped. Oxley not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[63*d*] Elizabeth wife of Antony Kellett of Stanley, laborer, for stealing there on 17 Dec., 1638, five "stroakes" of malt, value 10*s.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Dodgson. Witn., Wm. Dodgson, Tho. Dodgson, Jo. Hartley. (Dead.)

The same for stealing there on 17 Sep., 1638, three "stroakes" of barley, value 5*s.* 4*d.* Same owner and witnesses. (Dead.)

Robert Hall of Brotherton, laborer, Bartholomew Ibbotson of the same, laborer, and John Burrage of Byrome, laborer, for stealing at Byrome on 2 Dec., 1638, "two turkies" (*gallos*), value 3*s.*, the property of someone unknown. Witn., Jo. Richardson. (Hall and Ibbotson put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw. Burrage puts himself, guilty.)

Jonas Bynns of Wakefeild, tailor, for stealing there on 28 Dec., 1638, a purse value 2*d.*, and £12 in money, the property of David Hutton. Witn., David Hutton, Hen. Hoyle, Jo. Chanter. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 64] John Shawe of Hothersfeild, laborer, for stealing there on 20 Dec., 1638, a pair of sheets, value 6*s.* 8*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Bamforth. Confession. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

John Battell of Kirkfenton, laborer, for stealing there on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1638, a goose, val. 18*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Spinke. Witn., Wm. Spinke. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Richard Seamer of Wakefeild, laborer, for stealing on 30 Sep., 1637, at Sandall, "fower stacke barrs,"<sup>1</sup> val. 6*s.* 8*d.*, the property of Robt. Semer. Witn., Gilb<sup>t</sup> Barrett. (Puts himself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

W<sup>m</sup> Bamforth of Wyke, laborer, for stealing there on 20 Dec., 1638, "seaven stroake of wheate," val. 2*s.* each, the property of Thomas Bynns. Witn., Tho. Binns, Jo. Hepworth. (At large.)

[64*d*] John Shawe of Wyke, laborer, and James Wilkinson of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 10 Dec., 1638, three

<sup>1</sup> Wooden rails used as gates. The word is still in use in the neighbourhood of Halifax.



"stroake" of malt, val. 8s., the property of Thomas Bynns. (Both at large.) Also John Wilkinson of Wyke, "tipler," for knowingly receiving them there on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Witn., Tho. Bynns, Jo. Wright, Eliz. Longley.

John Thorpp of Dewsbury, laborer, and W<sup>m</sup> Rodley of the same, laborer, for assaulting on 24 Nov., 1638, at Liversedge and maltreating W<sup>m</sup> Brooke. Witn., Wm. Brooke, Rich. Reyner. (Thorpp at large, Rodley without the realm.)

W<sup>m</sup> Rodley of Dewsbury, laborer, for assaulting on 24 Nov., 1638, at Mirfeild, and maltreating Mathew Holdesworth. Witn., Math. Holdesworth. (Without the realm.)

[fol. 65] W<sup>m</sup> Westerman of Rothwell highe, husbandman, for assaulting there on 6 Jan., 1638(-9), and maltreating James Hicke. Witn., James Hicke. (At large.)

Antony Stringer of Wakefeild, laborer, for that, being 14 years of age and upwards, he had no art, mystery, or merchandize whereby he could gain his livelihood, and that on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), at Wakefeild and many other places, he wandered here and there begging, and bearing himself as an incorrigible rogue and beggar. Witn., John Whithead. (Puts himself.)

Joseph Crabtree, Antony Stringer, and Lawrence Waterhouse, all of Wakefeild, laborers, for that on 12 Dec., 1638, being committed to the House of Correction there, for divers misdeeds, they did unlawfully break out of the same and got away where they would. Witn., Jo. Whitehead.

[65*d*] Richard Banckes of Marley, gent., for on 3 Jan., 1638(-9), breaking and entering the dwelling house of Bridgitt Wilkinson at Bingley, and there assaulting and maltreating the s<sup>d</sup> Bridgitt. Witn., Fr. Wilkinson. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

W<sup>m</sup> Westerman of Rothwell, tanner, for assaulting and maltreating at Wakefeild on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1638, Robert Tottie, Constable there. Witn., Rob. Tottie, Andr. Hargrave, Adam Browne. (At large.)

John Wilkinson, Abraham Wilkinson, and W<sup>m</sup> Harrison, all of Ovenden, laborers, for assaulting and maltreating on 20 Dec., 1638, at Hallifax, Prudence Gleadhill. Witn., Prudence Gleadhill, Jo. Ransfeild, Lambert Toller. (Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, the fine of each of them is taxed at 6s. 8*d*.)

[fol. 66] A penalty of £40 is laid on W<sup>m</sup> Chowler of Bramupp, rough mason, that he should sufficiently fill up the lime pits dug by him on a waste called Bramupp more, between the house of Thomas Watson and the west part of the town of Bramupp,

near the King's highway leading from the market town of Ottley to the City of York, before the next General Sessions. Witn., Jo. Mathew, Will. Olroide. (Exonerated upon oath that the pits are filled in.)

The Jurors present that the Most Noble Thomas, Viscount Savile shall lay open the lane, commonly called Spring Laine, at West Ardesley, being an ancient way leading between that town and Wakefeild le Outwood, the market towns of Bradford and Hallifax, the towns of Hothersfeild, Birstall, and divers other places near adjacent, before the 20<sup>th</sup> January inst., under penalty of £100. Witn., Tho. Hooley, Ro. Ardesley, Ro. Scott. (On the oath of Henr. Jeffrason that the aforesaid way lies open, he is exonerated from the penalty by the Court.)

Also that John Scarr, Henry Jefferson, and Edward Brooke, being tenants and occupiers of the same, shall likewise lay open the said lane for all travellers who have occasion by reason of their business to traverse the same, before the 20<sup>th</sup> January inst., under penalty of £100. Same witnesses. (On the oath of Henry Jefferson aforesaid in Court that the way lies open, they are exonerated from the penalty by the Court.)

A penalty of £40 was laid upon the inhabitants of the town of Liversedge that they sufficiently fill up the coal pits on the waste called Liversedge Common before the next General Sessions. Witn., Jo. Walker, W<sup>m</sup> Blakeley. (On oath that the pits are filled, the penalty is exonerated.)

[66*d*] A penalty of £100 is laid upon Thomas Gascoigne, bar<sup>t</sup>, that he throw down the dam near the King's high way in a place called Scoles wood, erected to the great damage and hurt of all the King's lieges, before the next General Sessions. (At Wakefeild, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1639(-40), upon certificate remaining in Court the penalty is exonerated.)

A penalty of £40 is laid upon Thomas Shillitoe of Abberford, gent., and Eliz. Shillitoe, widow, relict of George Shillitoe, esq., lately deceased, that they sufficiently fill up the coal pits on the Seacroft Moore, otherwise Wynmore, before the next General Sessions. (Let there be an estreat.)

A like penalty of £40 is laid upon Richard Hawkesworth of Hawkesworth, knight, W<sup>m</sup> Vavasour of Weston, esq<sup>r</sup>, and George Tempest of Baildon, gent., that they sufficiently fill up the coal pits on the waste called Baildon moore, before the next General Sessions. (It is removed because within the liberties of the Most Rev. Father the Archbishop of York.)

A penalty of £40 is laid upon every occupier of land next adjoining a certain close called Woodman Carr, that they suffi-



ciently "scoore" their ditches and make their fences before the 20 Feb. next.

John Farrer, esq., one of the Justices, on his own view presents that the King's high way lying between the town of Headingley and a place called Broad laine within the parish of Leeds, has been repaired before the 1<sup>st</sup> May next under a Penalty of £40. (*Folio 67 is missing.*)

### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 39] **William Westerman.** Uppon informacon geven of divers and sundrye misdemeanors comitted and done by William Westerman of Rothwell hey, and that he is indicted att this sessions for two severall battryes, ORDERED that a warrant *de se bene gerend.* shall be awarded against him, to take him bound to answeere the premisses att the next sessions.

**Bruntcliffe.**—**Viscount Saville,** [39<sup>d</sup>] **Nathaniel Waterhouse, of Halifax,** [fol. 40] **Richard Lillye, of Idle,** and **Henry Smith, of Calverley.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 384.

**Jonas Bynnes, Wakefield.** [40<sup>d</sup>] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 385.

**Disorderly alehouse.** Uppon informacon geven uppon oath unto this Court, that Michaell Bairestowe of Northowrom keepeth a verie disorderly alehouse, ORDERED that the said Bairestowe shall be discharged from sellinge ale or beare by the space of three yeares nowe next comeinge.

**Gamaliel Whittacres, vicar of Kirkburton.** [fol. 41] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 385.

**Maintenance of Pauper.** Forasmuch as Samuell Illingworth and Elizabeth his wife compleyneth that they are destitute of houseroome, and that the said Illingworth, divers yeares since, had a grant for life from one Michaell Eastborne of Milnebrigge, payeinge ijs. yearely for the same, which house the said Illingworth since sould unto Thomas Rayner of that parish, who refuseth to allowe the said Illingworth to enjoy the same, but hath pulled downe the said house, ORDERED that the said Illingworth, payeinge all the arreares of rent, shall enjoy the said house, as formerly he hath done, unlesse the said Thomas Rayner shall shewe good cause to the contrarye before John Kay, esquire, one of his Maties justices of peace within this Rydeinge, uppon sight hereof, and it is further ordered that the said house be repaired, att the charges of the said inhabitants, by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there,

and that they likewise doe contribute with him towards the payment of his rent, because of his povertie.

**Committal to York Castle.** To the sherife, and to the keeper of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> prison att the Castle of Yorke, greetinge.

Forasmuch as Thomas Horsfall of Heptonstall, laborer, and Edward Akeroyd of the same, laborer, stand indicted att this generall quarter sessions of peace for the felonious steallinge of two bushells of oates, and are further accused of divers and severall felonyes by them comitted, THESE are therefore in his Ma<sup>ties</sup> name straitly to charge and comaund youe, that youe receave into your custodie the bodie of the said Thomas Horsfall and Edward Akeroyd, and them safely keepe, untill the next assizes or generall goale deliverie to be holden att the Castle of Yorke for the countie of Yorke, there to receive their legall tryall for the said severall offences, whereof faile not, etc.

**Jeremy Evers, gent., pensioner souldier, [41*d*], and Acton assessments.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 385.

**Committal Order.** To the sheriffe and to the keeper of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> prison att the Castle of Yorke, greetinge.

Forasmuch as Mathewe Bentley, late of Sadleworth, laborer, standes convented before his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace here assembled for divers misdeameanors, beinge noted as a comon enticer of his neighbours children to pilfer and steale, and beinge enjoyned to finde suerties for his good behaviour, and personally to appeare att the next generall quarter sessions to be holden for this Westriding, contemptuously refuseth to doe the same, THESE are therefore to charge youe to receive the bodye of the said Mathewe Bentley, and him safely keepe, untill he hath entred recognizance accordingly, whereof faile not, etc.

**Clayton v. Pell.** [fol. 43] Uppon mocon unto this Court, and uppon the behalfe of William Clayton, gent., plt. by informacon upon his Ma<sup>ties</sup> behalfe against William Pell uppon a penall statute, ORDERED that the said William Claiton shall amend his informacon in all pointes, except *de facto*, and that the said William Pell may be att libertie to plead *de novo*, soe that they goe to tryall the next generall quarter sessions to be holden for this Westriding.

**Repayment.** Whereas Jonas Bynnes stood indicted att this Sessions for the unlawfull takinge and convertinge unto his owne use of 12*li.* 2*d.*, beinge the goodes and moneys of one David Hutton of Kirkby Kendall, in the co. of Westmerland, carrier, and for that he confesseth that 20*s.*, parte of that moneys, he lent to Bryan (*blank*), servant unto Nathaniell Birkehead



of Haigh, in the par. of Himsworth, esq., which is to be repaid unto him uppon demaund by private contract betwixt them. ORDERED that the said Bryan (*blank*) shall pay unto the said David Hutton the said somme of 20s., being the true owner of that moneyes, and this order to be a sufficient discharge to the said Bryan (*blank*) for the reasons aforesaid.<sup>1</sup>

### BARNSLEY.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 68] General Sessions held at, the 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1638(-9), before Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bar<sup>t</sup>, George Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, William West, esq., Robert Rockley, esq., and Thomas Jopson, esq<sup>r</sup>, Justices.

JURORS—Parcivall Hobson, gent., William Brooke, gent., Edward Greene, gent., Nich. Wood, gent., Thomas Headley, Ric. Hoyland, Thomas Roades, Ric. Tyas, Geo. Wade, Francis Hogley, W<sup>m</sup> Stones, John Stevenson, John Dudding, Robt. Chappell, and Edward Oxley.

WHO PRESENT—John Wilson of Ecclesfeild, laborer, for stealing there on 30 June, 1638, two fleeces of wool, a knife, and a pair of gloves, value 5s., the property of John Newton. (At large.) Also John Crosley of Ecclesfeild, laborer, and Anne Crosley of the same, widow, for knowingly receiving and harbouring him on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Witn., Eliz. Newton.

Edward Riggisbie of Waleswood,<sup>2</sup> laborer, for stealing there on 26 Dec., 1638, two geese, value 2s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Newbould. Confession. (Puts himself, guilty to 10d., no chattels.)

[68*d*] Thomas Harrison of Wathe, laborer, for stealing on 23 Dec., 1638, at Brampton byerley, a wether sheep, value 6s. 8*d*., the property of Richard Robinson. Witn., Ric. Robinson. (Puts himself, guilty to 6*d*., no chattels.)

Robert Barge of Laughton in le Morthing, laborer, for stealing there on 1 Sept., 1638, two mares, color bay and gray, val. £6 13s. 4*d*., the property of someone unknown. Witn., Tho. Clayton. (At large.)

Anthony Wilson of Tickhill, laborer, for stealing there on 31 January, 1637(-8), a calf skin, val. 4*d*., the property of Ric. Roberts. Witn., Ric. Roberts. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Maintenance of bastard child [39], Cottages [39, 39*d*, 40*d*, 41*d*, 42, 42*d* (2)], and Maintenance of Poor [42].

<sup>2</sup> A hamlet in the township of Wales, and parishes of Wales and Treeton, 5½ miles from Rotherham.

Nich. Slacke of Brampton,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for stealing there on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1638, "a pecke and a halfe of wheate and rie," value 10*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Marshall. Witn., Wm. Marshall. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 69] Elizabeth wife of Michael Pashley of Oxspring,<sup>2</sup> laborer, for stealing on 20 Aug., 1638, at Hunshelfe, a brass pan, val. 6*s.*, the property of Thomas Eyre, and "a prigg<sup>3</sup> pan" (*ollulam eneam*), val. 10*d.*, the property of John Walker. Witn., Nich. Hobson, Jo. Thurneley. (Puts herself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels.)

Timothy Hirst of Ackworth, laborer, for stealing there on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1638, "a pillowbere, a smocke, and a brasse ladle," value 6*s.* 8*d.*, the property of John Lund. Witn., Jo. Lund. (Puts himself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels.)

Mary Gatesend of Waddesworth, widow, and Anne wife of John Thornton of the same, laborer, for stealing on 1 Nov., 1638, at Wadworth, a goose, val. 12*d.*, and "a harden bagg," val. 4*d.*, the property of John Purpoynt, gent. Witn., Jo. Oglethorpe. (Puts herself, guilty to 5*d.*, no chattels.)

Jennett Ditche of Emley, spinster, for stealing there on 31 Dec., 1638, "two wastcoates, one petticoate, one linnen sheete, one coyffe, one cros cloth, and a paire of bodies," value altogether 10*s.*, the property of Dorothy Page. Witn., Ro. Page. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[69*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Smyth of Sheffield, husbandman, for assaulting there on the 4<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), about 4 p.m. on the King's highway, Nich. Barnesley, putting him in great bodily fear, and taking from his person 40*s.* of goods and money. Witn., Nich. Barnsley, Geo. Kay. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Moore of Hooderoyd, blacksmith, for stealing on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1638, at Brearley, a hat, value 5*s.*, the property of Ric. Bingley. Witn., Sam. Norfolke. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

John Child of Conisbrough, laborer, for stealing on 12 Jan., 1638(-9), at Greasbrooke,<sup>4</sup> two yards of woollen cloth and a pair stockings, value 2*s.* 6*d.*, the property of Ric. Williston. Confession. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

<sup>1</sup> In the township and parish of Cantley, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles from Doncaster.

<sup>2</sup> In the parish of Penistone, wapentake of Staincross, Liberty of Pontefract, two miles from Penistone.

<sup>3</sup> A small brass skillet, *i.e.* pot. (Halliwell.)

<sup>4</sup> ? Greasborough, in the parish of Rotherham, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, Liberty of Tickhill, two miles from Rotherham.



[fol. 70] Thomas Collin, jun., of Sheffield, butcher, for that on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1638, at Ackworth, and at divers other times, both before and since, he was and still is a common barrator, disturber of the peace, and oppressor of his neighbours and other faithful lieges of the King, having moved, procured, and incited divers law suits and discords among liege subjects there and elsewhere. Witn., Hen. Ellis, sen., Hen. Ellis, jun., Tho. Wood. (At large.)

Thomas Tomkinson of Laughton in le Morthing, tailor, Francis Scales of Mexbrough, husbandman, and W<sup>m</sup> Hellabye of Conisbrough, husbandman, for killing and taking away on 31 Oct., 1638, at Laughton, three pigeons, value 6*d.*, the property of Antony Ayre, esq., being then in a "dovecoate" there. Witn., Ant. Sales. (Each confesses, fine taxed at 6*s.* 8*d.* each, and paid sheriff.)

Bartholomew Foxe of Campsall, butcher, for taking and driving away on 24 Dec., 1638, at Norton, one ewe sheep, value 4*s.*, the property of John Woodhouse. Witn., Jo. Woodhouse, Ro. Woodhouse, W<sup>m</sup> Wintringham. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, and his fine taxed at 6*s.* 8*d.*)

[70*d*] That the King's highway between the market town of Sheffield and those of Hallifax and Leeds, within the township of Hallam with Ecclesall, near the River of Dunn, is now in great decay for lack of repair. Therefore a penalty of £10 is laid upon the inhabitants that they sufficiently repair the same before the next General Sessions. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Carr. (Respited to the next sessions. Respited further. Exonerated at Rotherham, 14 July, 1640.)

Thomas Heydon *als.* Heaud of Barnesley, "milner," for on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1638, erecting and maintaining until now a dam near a mill called "the hole Milne" in Ardesley, by which the water running there is greatly flooded, to wit, as far as the mill called Barnesley Milnes, to the great damage and hurt of Francis Wortley, K<sup>t</sup> and Bar<sup>t</sup>, and the other occupiers and possessors of Barnesley Milnes. Witn., James Langbothom, Rog. Burges, Tho. Moore. (Puts himself, guilty, and his fine is taxed at 10*s.*, paid sheriff.)

W<sup>m</sup> Newbold, "scissorsmith," John Thompson, carpenter, and Robt. Dixon, collier, all of Hansworth, for assaulting there on 1 Dec., 1638, George Saunderson, and maltreating and imprisoning him, and detaining him in prison, until he paid a fine of 5*s.* to the said William. Witn., Geo. Saunderson. (All at large. All put themselves, not guilty.)

[fol. 71] Christofer England of Doncaster, yeoman, and W<sup>m</sup>

Pinder of Rotheram, yeoman, for breaking and entering on 28 Oct., 1638, at Wortley, the free warren of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and baronet. Witn., Robt. Shertliffe, Tho. Berry. (Christopher dead; W<sup>m</sup> confesses, fine 6*d*.)

George Wood of Ardesley and Mary his wife, for assaulting and maltreating at Barnesley on 28 Nov., 1638, Francis Kay, gent. Witn., Fra. Kay, gent., John Blagborne, Tho. Blagborne, Ric. Snawden. (Put themselves, bound to process. Confess, fined 6*s*. 8*d*., put themselves on the clemency of the Court.)

Robert Berge of Laughton in le Morthinge, husbandman, for on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1638, shooting there, with a gun charged with powder and "hayleshott," at certain "pidgeons," and killing and taking away 8 such "pidgeons." Witn., Tho. Claiton.

John Roberts of Barnebrough, yeoman, for not attending with a musket, for the service of the King, the musters<sup>1</sup> held at Rotheram on 3 Jan., 1638(-9), by Edward Rodes, k<sup>t</sup>, and Robert Rockley, esq., as he was enjoined, in contempt of the King and his laws and against the Statute. (Confesses, fine 40*s*., paid sheriff.)

[71*d*] Richard Stead and Roger Willans, both of Clifton, laborers, for on 6 Nov., 1638, at Cunisbrough, refusing to aid and assist Edward Smith and John Blagburne, Constables of Wadworth, in the prosecution of one John Thorneton for felony. Witn., Jo. Blagborne, Ed. Smith. (Confesses, fine 6*s*. 8*d*.)

John Bowman of Sheffield, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 5 Jan., 1638(-9), Nicholas Barnesley. Witn., Nic. Barnesley. (Puts himself, guilty, fine 10*s*.)

Launcelott Dickinson of Darfeild, tailor, for assaulting and maltreating there on 30 Sep., 1633, William Shirtcliffe. Witn., Ro. Shirtcliffe, Will. Shirtcliffe, Ric. Hayes, Ric. Piggott. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 72] Thomas Richardson of Stainford,<sup>2</sup> laborer, for breaking and entering there on 20 Oct., 1638, the dwelling house of Thomas Bell. Witn., Tho. Bell. (Puts himself.)

<sup>1</sup> By Statute, 21 Hen. VIII, c. 18, it was enacted that "if any person or persons that shalbe commaunded, at any time hereafter, generally or especially, to muster afore any such as shall have authoritie or commaundement for the same by and from the King and Queenes Majesties, etc., or by any lieutenant, warden, or other person or persons authorised for the same, doe willingly absent himself or themselves from the same musters, having no true or reasonable excuse of sicknesse, or other lawfull impediment, or at their appearance at such musters doe not bring with them such their best furniture of array and armour as he or they shall then have for his or their owne person in a-readinesse, shall for every such default and offence have and suffer imprisonment by the space of ten days," etc., or to pay 40*s*.

<sup>2</sup> Stainforth, in the parish of Hatfield, Lower Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, 3½ miles from Thorne.



John Wood of Barnesley Smithies, husbandman, for not attending on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), with "a courslett" (*vestment*), for the service of the King, the musters held at South Hindley moore by George Wentworth, knight, as he was enjoined, etc. Witn., Jo. Heddon, Jo. Wood. (Puts himself, at Pontefract, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1639, and there not guilty.)

Whereas Richard Hall, at the General Sessions held at Doncaster 10 Oct., 1638, was committed by order of the Court there to the custody of Thomas Danby,<sup>1</sup> knight, then sheriff, to keep for three months then next following, in his safe and sure custody, for unlawfully hunting in the Park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and baronet, at Wortley, commonly called Wortley Parke. But the said Thomas Danby, k<sup>t</sup>, and Francis Turner, gent., then his deputy sheriff, so negligently kept the said Richard Hall that, on the above day and year, at Bentley he escaped from their custody and went at large. Witn., Tho. Oates, Randall Smith, Geo. Webster. (Process is removed.)

[72*d*] Mathew Hawkesworth of Clayton, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 31 Oct., 1638, at Barnesley, John Claiton. Witn., Jo. Claiton. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d*.)

Roger Ingle of Barnesley, butcher, for assaulting and maltreating on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov., 1638, at Ardesley, Edward Smith. Witn., Ric. Chappell. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court at Rotheram, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, fine 5s.)

Robert Hill of Pigborne, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating on 28 Dec., 1638, at Broadsworth, one William Clerkson. Witn., Will. Clerkson, Eliz. Clerkson. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 73] John Milnes of Peniston, laborer, was committed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), at Wortley, by Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and baronet, one of the Justices, to the House of Correction for divers misdeeds, being in the custody of John Hinchliffe of Peniston, Constable there. But yet the said John Hinchliffe so negligently kept him that he permitted him to escape, and did not deliver him to the Master of the House of Correction according to the tenor of the writ of *mittimus*<sup>2</sup> delivered to the same Hinchliffe. (Puts himself on the clemency of the court.)

<sup>1</sup> Son of Christopher Danby, Esq., of Farnley, near Leeds, and Frances, daughter of Edward, Lord Morley. He married Katherine, daughter of Christopher Wandsford, Esq., Lord Deputy of Ireland, and died August, 1660.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> This word is used for the Precept that is directed by a Justice of the Peace to a gaoler for the receiving and safe keeping of a felon or other offender committed by the said Justice to the gaol. (Les Termes de la Ley.)

**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 44] **Apprentice.** Whereas Richard Woodcocke, a poore child within the parish of Peniston, hath lately bene put out as an apprentice to William Vescye, shoemaker, and for want of somme money hath bene putt away, and forasmuch as Henry Woodcock, his brother, hath in his handes of the said goods to the vallue of 50s., which he and his frendes peticon and desire may be paid to his Mr for his releefe and preferment, and not onelye the parishe and frendes be eased, but may be furtherance to gett his liveinge, and for that it is made apparant that in case the said Richard be not supplied with his money he will be cast uppon the charge of the parish, and they forced to maynetaine him, and that the said Henry hath confessed the premisses to be true before Sir Francis [*sic*], knt. and bart., ORDERED that the said Henry shall furthwith pay the said 50s. to the said parish, which if he refuse to pay, that then he be caried before somme of his Maties justices of peace, there to be bound to answeere the premisses att the next sessions.

**Cudworth Assessments and Beacons.** [44*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 385-6.

**North Elmsall. Assessments.** Whereas the inhabitantes of North Elmeshall have peticoned this Court and informed that they, occupyinge landes in South Kirkby and elsewhere, are assessed in layes and assessmentes accordinge to the quantitie and qualitie of acres they occupie and enjoy, and nevertheles divers forrainers and strangers, which occupye landes amongst them, refuse to pay rateablye for the landes which lye in their towneship, and therefore they desired the order of this Court that they might asseesse that lande accordeinge to the quantitie and quallitie of acres, as is aforesaid, which this Court takeinge into consideracon conceiveth the same to be reasonable, and doth order the same accordeingly.

**Cottages.** [fol. 45] Whereas Thomas Beardsall and Thomas Rollinson of Barghe, beinge aged people, and haveinge remayned longe in their howses where they doe nowe inhabite, are att the present threatned to be removed by their landlords, because they are threatned to be presented for maynetayninge and upholdinge the said howses as cottages and inmates, forasmuch as there is cause to contynue the said parties in their said houses because of their age and povertie, ORDERED that they shall remayne and contynue there, if the owners of their said houses will consent, or els that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there shall provide houses for them



uppon the waste, with the consent of the lord of the mannor, or uppon any particuler man's landes that will allowe houses to be builte there for that purpose.

**Conveying of Cripples.** Forasmuch as divers [*sic*] have depended betwene the inhabitantes of Skelbrooke and the inhabitantes of Campsall, Norton, Womersley, Stapleton, Burghwallis, Smeaton parva, and other neighbouringe townes, about conveyeing and caryeing of cripples from Ferribriggs to Doncaster, and soe back from Doncaster unto Ferribriggs, for endinge whereof an order was conceived att the last generall sessions of peace holden att Pontefract, of which order the said inhabitantes of Skelbrooke had noe notice, nor did not attend to make theire allegacons in theire owne defence, soe that the said order was surreptiously obteyned and procured against them, ORDERED that both the said parties, uppon notice hereof, shall attend att the next generall quarter sessions of peace to be holden for this Westriding att Pontefract, and then a finall end to be made of this busines uppon heareinge both partes, and in the meane tyme the ancient custome in conveyeing of cripples to be observed amongst them.

**Boy prisoner's pass and Burghwallis.** [fol. 46] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 386.

**Relief of Poor.** Uppon the peticon of Francis Roger of Chappell, in the par. of Ecclesfeild, who complayneth of his povertie and necessitie, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of that parish shall allowe such releefe unto the said Roger as his necessities shall require, and as the lawe in that case hath appointed.

**Ackworth Fire.** [46*d*] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 386.

**Wortley.** [fol. 47] Whereas two bastard children chargeable uppon the towneshipp of Wortley, within the par. of Tankersley, and there to be releevd, was heretofore putt to be nursed and educated by Elizabeth Broadbent, widowe, and [*blank*] Scorer, widdowe, who have peticoned this Court for moneys from the churchwardens and overseers of that towne, who refuse to pay them in regard that the churchwardens and overseers of Wortley doe disagree and differ about makeinge theire layes and assessments in that towneshipp, ORDERED that accordinge to the generall custome and use of the whole cuntrie, and the orders and course of this Court in like cases, an assessment be made uppon the landes by acretale, accordinge to the quantitie and quallitie of theire land, respect beinge had to such as have any personall estates and land also, to add an encrease to such, and that respect also be had to the parke,

chase, and groundes, free by charter, kept for nourishinge and cherishinge of deere, and out of such assessment to be made to pay the arrearages due to the said peticoners, and other arrerages incident to theire offices, and not kept for husbandrie and in tillage or for other profitable cattell thereunto belonginge.

**South Kirkby Assessment.** Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of South Kirkby have peticoned this Court and informed that there is great inequallitie amongst them in makeinge theire layes and assessmentes, ORDERED that all assessmentes to be made and assessed hereafter shall be rated and assessed porconably and equally, accordinge to the quantitie of acres everye one occupyeth and enjoyeth within that towneshipp, which assessment shall be confirmed accordinglye.

**Purveyour to the King.** [47*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 386.

**Cottage.** [fol. 48] Forasmuch as Robert Jagger of Cudworth hath peticoned this Court and informed that he, beinge a poore man, and liveinge in a house of Mr Wheatley's of Woolley, not haveinge foure acres of land assigned to it,<sup>1</sup> is threatned to be presented as an inmate, and soe to be removed, nowe forasmuch as uppon consideracon taken of the premisses this Court conceiveth that there is just cause to contynue the said Robert in the said house, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the said Robert shall be contynued in the said house, without danger of lawe, because of his age, necessitie, and povertie, or otherwise that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there shall provyde a house for him uppon the waste, with the consent of the lord of the mannor.

**Falling sickness.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 387.

**Cudworth Assessment.** [48*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is informed by the inhabitantes of the towneshipp of Cudworth that there is great inequallitie in makeinge theire layes and assessmentes, ORDERED that all assessmentes to be made hereafter shall be made and assessed accordeinge to the quantitie and quallitie of the acres of land they occupye and enjoy, haveinge a respect to everie man's particuler estate, which is to be assessed accordinglye.

**Thorpe Awdline.** Whereas the overseers of the poore of the towne of Thorpe Awdline have peticoned this Court, and

<sup>1</sup> By Statute, 31 Eliz., c. 7, it was enacted "that no person shall, within this Realme of England, make, build, or erect, or cause to be made, builded, or erected, any maner of Cottage for habitation, or dwelling, nor convert or ordeine any building or housing, made or hereafter to bee made to bee used as a Cottage for habitation or dwelling, unles the same person do assigne and lay to the same Cottage or building iiij acres of ground at the least," etc., under a penalty of £10.



informed that the said towne of Thorpe Audlyne aforesaid, beinge overcharged with a great number of poore people, and that Badseworth and Upton, all within one parish, haveinge fewe or noe poore within them, refuse to contribute to the maynetainance of the poore of Thorpe Awdlyne, as they have formerly done, and as they ought to doe, because that it is informed that th inhabitants of Badseworth and Upton have constantly contynued such payment, as is aforesaid, ORDERED that the said payment and contribucon shall be contynued hereafter, untill the said inhabitants of Badseworth and Upton shall shewe good cause to the contrarye.<sup>1</sup>

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### PONTEFRACT.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 74] General Sessions held at, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1639, before William Savile, bar<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Bland, k<sup>t</sup>, John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>, George Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, Richard Marsh, S.T.D.,<sup>2</sup> John Reresby,<sup>3</sup> esq., Robert Rockley, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., Thomas Jopson,<sup>4</sup> esq., W<sup>m</sup> West, esq., John Farrer, esq., and John Mauliverer,<sup>5</sup> esq., Justices.

JURORS—Francis Bunnie, esq., Thomas Hippron, gent., Edward Simpson, gent., John Ramsden, gent., Thomas Shipman, gent., John Walker, yeoman, Geo. Dibb, yeoman, W<sup>m</sup> Roberts, yeoman, Thomas Kent, yeoman, W<sup>m</sup> Pell, yeoman, Geo. Allen, Lawrence Adams, and Leonard Betson.

WHO PRESENT—Walter Woodhouse, junior, of Bradfeild, husbandman, for stealing there on 25 Oct., 1638, eight

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Cottages [44*d*, 45*d* (3), 47*d* (2)], Provision for bastard child [46, 49], Relief of Poor [46*d*, 47 (2), 48*d*], and Settlements [48, 48*d*].

<sup>2</sup> Vicar of Birstall, 1614; Vicar of Halifax, 1638; Dean of York, 1644. Had to fly from his living in 1642, which was sequestered, and did not return till Sept. 16th, 1660. He died Oct. 13th, 1663, and was buried in York Minster.—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Sir John Reresby, son of Sir George Reresby, Knt., of Thribergh and Rotherham, was baptized 11 April, 1611, and created a baronet 16 May, 1642. He married Frances, daughter of Edmund Yarborough, Esq., of Snaith. Their son Sir John wrote the well-known "Reresby Memoirs," and their grandson Sir William dissipated his inheritance and sold the estates.—J.W.C.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas Jopson, *alias* Jobson, of Cudworth, was son of Thomas Jobson, also of Cudworth, by Mary, daughter of William Witham, Esq., of Ledston. He was baptized 28 Jan., 1606, and was Treasurer for the Lame Soldiers. He died 22 Aug., 1653, and was buried at Royston. His son William was created a baronet.—J.W.C.

<sup>5</sup> Of Lethwell, in the parish of Laughton. Married (1) Dorothy Park, by whom two sons, John and Thomas; (2) Margaret, daughter of John Lewis, Esq., of Marr. The Mauleverers sold Lethwell in 1662.—J.W.C.

ewe sheep, value 5s. each, the property of Francis Hoyland. Also Walter Woodhouse, sen<sup>r</sup>, of the same, tailor, for knowingly receiving and harbouring him there on the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. Witn., Fr. Hoyland.

Samuel Whittells of Stainland, laborer, for stealing there on 27 Feb., 1638(-9), "fower sheepe," value 16s., the property of James Swallowe. Witn., Ja. Swallowe. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[74*d*] Nich. Lyndley of Wakefeild, clothier, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1639, two dozen and a half of gloves (*chirothecarum*), value 40s., the property of Aquila Ogle. Witn., Aquila Ogle. (At large.)

Henry Birkinshawe of Ferrifriston, laborer, and Robt. Colthird of the same, laborer, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1638, at Sharleston, "two mares, color sorrell and white," value £9, the property of Francis Clarke. Witn., Fran. Clarke. (Both at large.)

Judith Illingworth of Sowerbie, spinster, for stealing there on 25 Feb., 1638(-9), a pair of shoes, value 2s. 8*d.*, the property of John Conliffe. Also Robert Fawcett of Sowerbie, clothier, for knowingly receiving and harbouring her on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Witn., Jo. Conliffe. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

[fol. 75] John Dison, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Quarmby, tanner, for stealing at Huddersfeild on 19 Nov., 1638, twelve bends<sup>1</sup> of leather, value 4s., the property of William Roades. Witn., Will. Roades, James Francis.

Robert Hirst of Lepton, clothier, for stealing at Rowley<sup>2</sup> on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1639, three pounds of wool, value 2s. 6*d.*, the property of Richard Senior. Witn., Ric. Senior, W<sup>m</sup> Wilcockes. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

John Fawcett of Emley, butcher, for stealing there on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1638(-9), one ewe sheep, value 4s., the property of Ralph Ashton. Informations. Examinations. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels.)

Mary Brooke of Bolton upon Dearne, spinster, for stealing at Farneley Tyas on 25 Jan., 1638(-9), 11s. in money, the property of George Harpin. Witness, confession. (At large.)

[75*d*] John Baidon of Lepton, husbandman, for stealing there on 25 Jan., 1638(-9), a coulter, value 2s., the property of Robert Greaves. Information. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> A strip of leather.

<sup>2</sup> In the township of Lepton, and parish of Kirkheaton, Agbrigg Division of Agbrigg and Morley, Liberty of Pontefract, three miles from Huddersfield.



Richard Denison of Birstall, laborer, for stealing there on the last day of Feb., 1638(-9), "one pecke of unwynowed oates" value 12*d.*, and one piece of wood value 6*d.*, the property of John Goodall. Witn., Jo. Goodall. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Horsfeild of Hallifax, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1639, Michael Hopwood. Witn., Tho. Rigg. (Confesses, fine 10*s.*, estreated.)

Henry Rawood of Brookehouse,<sup>1</sup> milner, for unlawfully taking and carrying away on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1638(-9), at Laughton in le Morthinge, a dozen of pale boards (*repagul'*) value 2*s.*, and "ten hoopes of oake and ashe" value 3*s.*, the property of the most Noble Nicholas, Viscount Castleton. Witn., Ed. Barnes. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 10*s.*, estreated.)

[fol. 76] James Finche, Jonas Finche, John Hanson, Thomas Hanson, husbandmen, Mary Hanson, widow, Chris. Smyth and Peter Smyth, husbandmen, all of South Hindley, for, on the 20 April, 1639, and at divers other times, both before and after, riotously breaking into a close of Ric. Elmhirst, gent., there, and unlawfully chasing 20 ewes and lambs, value £8, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Barneby, gent. Witn., Tho. Langcake (?), Tho. Hutchinson. (All at large. Doncaster, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1639, James Finche confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 5*s.*; Jonas Finche likewise confesses, fine 5*s.*; John Hanson confesses, fine 12*d.* Chris. Smyth dead.)

George Dixon of West Hardwicke, laborer, and John Wager of the same, yeoman, for on 22 April, 1639, unlawfully entering a messuage and 60 acres of land at South Hindley in the peaceful possession of Ric. Elmhirst, gent., and forcibly ejecting him from such possession, and keeping him out of the same until now. Witn., Tho. Langcake, Tho. Hutchinson. (Both at large. Dixon, at Doncaster, 9 October, 1639, confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 20*s.*; Wager, fine is likewise taxed at 20*s.*)

Oswald Shippard, jun., of Crofton, husbandman, for on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1638(-9), at Snydall, with a gun charged with powder and "haileshott," shooting at certain "pidgeons," and killing two of them. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Growcocke, Tho. Shawe. (Puts himself, not guilty, at Wakefeild, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1639.)

[76*d*] Edward Bewley of Barkeston, laborer, for on the 20 Feb., 1638(-9), at Sherborne, breaking into the free park of the Most Rev. Father in Christ Richard,<sup>2</sup> Archbishop of York,

<sup>1</sup> Hamlet in the parish and township of Laughton-en-le-Morthen, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, Liberty of St. Peter, five miles from Tickhill.

<sup>2</sup> Richard Neile, previously Bishop of Winchester.

commonly called Rush park,<sup>1</sup> and there chasing the deer with greyhounds, killing and taking away some of them. Witn., Ric. Parnam. (Puts himself.)

Robert White of Clayton, laborer, for being there and elsewhere on the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1638, and at divers other times, both before and since, a common barrator and disturber and oppressor of his neighbours, moving and exciting divers law suits and discords between the King lieges. Witn., Jo. Stainclyff, Jonas Whitwham, Jo. Hodgson, Jo. Pickeringe. (At large.)

Robert Shertclyffe of Rotheram, gent., for assaulting there on 4 May, 1638, Francis Jackson and Jane his wife, and maltreating them. Witn., Math. Steward, Jo. Janson. (At Doncaster, 9 Oct., 1639, he confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 20*d*.)

[fol. 77] The same for also then and there assaulting and maltreating Mathew Steward. Witn., Fr. Jackson. (At Doncaster, 9 Oct., 1639, he confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 20*d*.)

James Remington of Snydall, husbandman, and Grace his wife, for on the 22 April, 1639, breaking into the house of Charles Thimbleby, esq., at Snydall, and forcibly ejecting him from possession. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Gowcocke, Ant. Dixon, Tho. Shawe.

Richard Dicconson of Staveley, yeoman, for that on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), having newly erected and built a cottage there for the habitation of John Braithwaite, which the latter now inhabits, he never assigned to the said cottage 4 acres of land to be occupied therewith according to the Statute. Witn., Ra. Leatham. (At large. Puts himself, guilty, at Knaresbrough, 4 Oct., 1639, fine £10.)

[77*d*] Brian Deane of Setle, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 1 Dec., 1638, Thomas Lawson. Witn., Tho. Lawson, Ric. Lawson. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, and his fine 6*s*. 8*d*., estreated.)

Henry Wast of Tickhill, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on the last day of Feb., 1637(-8), Peter Reeder. Witn., Peter Reeder, Ro. Wilson. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 12*d*.)

The inhabitants of Staveley, and especially Peter Scagglethorp and all others who hold any interest in a place there called Staveley Carr, that they sufficiently repair their banks on the stream running between the township of Rawclyffe

<sup>1</sup> In the township and parish of Sherburn, seven miles from Tadcaster and Ferrybridge. In earlier days called Rest or Rist Park. The archbishops had a hunting box here.



and that of Staveley, also between Hilton Stie, Litle holmes, and Staveley Carr on the south side of the same stream, so that the water be kept within the bounds thereof, and shall not overflow the Carr. Also the inhabitants of Staveley, Minskip,<sup>1</sup> and Roclyffe<sup>2</sup> to cleanse and scour the watercourse aforesaid so that a full and free course flow in the river there, called the River of Ewre (Ure), without any impediment or damage to the inhabitants adjoining, before the 1<sup>st</sup> June next under a penalty of £40. Witn., Ralph Leatham, gent. (At large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

[fol. 78] Dorothy Marwood, wife of John Marwood of Thorp hesle,<sup>3</sup> yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20 Oct., 1638, Samuel Whitley. Witn., Sam. Whitley. (At large.)

Bartholomew Hunter of Rotheram, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 27 March, 1639, Ellen the wife of Thomas Thomson. Witn., Ellen Thomson, W<sup>m</sup> Taylor, Fr. Ball, Ellen Shrub. (Puts himself, guilty, at Rotheram, 16 July, 1639, fine . . . .)

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[fol. 79] By an Inquisition taken at Pontefract the said 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1639, before the above named Justices.

JURORS—Edward Rolston, gent., Samuel Usher, gent., Geo. Holgate, gent., Thomas Wainewright, Chris. Neveson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Bradforth, Seth Shipley, Thomas Beardshawe, John Craven, Phillip Moore, Henry Browne, Thomas Elmsall, and W<sup>m</sup> Moore.

WHO PRESENT—Christopher Stawe of Shelve, laborer, for on the 10 March, 1638(–9), at Wyke, breaking and entering into a barn of Robert Wright between the hours of 1 and 2 at night with intent to rob and spoil him of his goods. Witn., Rob. Wright. (At large.)

John Scott of Methley, laborer, and Geo. Stringer of the same, husbandman, for stealing there on 21 April, 1639, a “mett” of rye and wheat, value 6s., the property of Robert Labron. Also Sarah Parkin, wife of Robert Parkin of the same place, laborer, for procuring and counselling them thereto, also with knowingly receiving and harbouring them. Witn., Ro. Labron. (Put themselves, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels.)

<sup>1</sup> Minskip, in the parish of Aldborough, Lower Division of Claro, Liberty of St. Peter, 1½ miles from Boroughbridge.

<sup>2</sup> Roecliffe, in the parish of Aldborough, 1¼ miles from Boroughbridge.

<sup>3</sup> Thorpe-Hesley, in the township of Kimberworth and parishes of Wath-upon-Dearn and Rotherham, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, 4¼ miles from Rotherham.

[79*d*] Richard Stowe of Balne, laborer, for stealing there on 31 Mar., 1639, "a pewther flagon," value 5s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Doughtie. Witn., Wm. Doughtie. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Phillis Scott of Wakefeild, widow, for stealing at Pigborne<sup>1</sup> on 31 Mar., 1639, three yards of "lynnen cloath," val. 12*d*. a yard, the property of Ursula Rawson. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d*., no chattels.)

Edward Pearson of Ingleton, laborer, for stealing at Purston magna on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1638(-9), a man's bands with a rich needle work lace, "a pillowbeare, a cuffe, a ruffe, a smocke (*suppar*'), a coyfe (*pilcum*)," value 5s., the property of Thomas Hemsworth, gent. Witn., Tho. Hemsworth. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d*., no chattels.)

George Pearson of Drax, laborer, for stealing there on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1638, "a stooke of rie," value 2s., the property of Robert Wilkinson. Witn., Tho. Hare, Ro. Wilkinson. (Puts himself.)

[fol. 80] Mathew Milner of Ovenden, clothier, for stealing at Fewston on 28 Mar., 1639, "a brasse pann," value 10*d*., the property of John Barber. Witn., Jo. Barber. (Puts himself, guilty to 6*d*., no chattels.)

Thomasine Smythes of Kighley, spinster, for stealing at Houlden Yate on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1639, "a coyfe, a capp, two neck-clothes, and one handkerchiffe," value 2s., the property of Thomas Fowler. Witn., Tho. Fowler. (Puts herself, guilty to 6*d*., no chattels.)

Abraham Stansfeild of Warley, clothier, for stealing at Ovenden on 27 Aug., 1638, a hive of bees, value 15s., the property of James Harper. Witn., Jas. Harper, Jo. Hargraves. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Samuel Whittells of Stainland, laborer, for stealing there on 26 Jan., 1638(-9), two smocks, value 2s., the property of Geo. Thorp. Witn., Geo. Thorp, Eliz. Thorp. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d*., no chattels.)

[80*d*] George Saunderson of Richmond, co. York, "scikle-smith," for assaulting and maltreating there on 31 Dec., 1638, W<sup>m</sup> Newbold. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Newbold, Robt. Dixon, Jo. Thompson. (Puts himself, guilty, at Rotheram, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, fine . . . .)

Richard Kay of Rowley, badger, for assaulting and maltreating at Lepton on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), Susan Marsden.

<sup>1</sup> Pigburn, in the township and parish of Brodsworth, Lower Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, Liberty of Tickhill, four miles from Doncaster.



Witn., Jo. Tyas, Ric. Dobson. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 10s., paid sheriff.)

Richard Kay of Wakefeild, chapman, for assaulting there on 19 April, 1639, James Swinden, and taking from him a hat, value 12*d.*, his property. Witn., Ja. Swinden. (At large. Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 4*d.*)

[fol. 81] John Hall of the City of York, laborer, Mary his wife, and William Lambert of Kepax, laborer, for assaulting on 20 Aug., 1638, at Kepax, Francis Duffeild, then being Constable there. Witn., Fr. Duffeild. (Lambert confesses, fine is taxed at 12*d.*)

Samuel Beckett of West Melton, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 19 Mar., 1638(-9), John Hanson. Witn., Jo. Hanson. (At large. Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, and his fine is taxed at 12*d.*)

John Farrer, esq., one of the Justices, on his own view, presented that the King's highway between the market towns of Wakefeild and Hallifax, and in the parish of Birstall between Liversedge town end and a place there called the Milne Brigge, should be repaired before the 1<sup>st</sup> July next under a penalty of £40. (Let an estreat be made.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 50] **Poor apprentice.** Forasmuch as Michaell Bolton, a poore wandringe boy, is now fitt to be placed apprentice accordinge to the Statute, and for that it appeareth that the said Michaell was borne att Calverley, and had noe legall setlinge since, IT IS NOW THEREFORE ORDERED that the said Michaell shall be settled as a poore apprentice in Calverley by the churwardens and overseers of the poore there accordinge to the Statute in that case provided.

**Francis Bunny. Commandrye of Newland.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 387.

**Constablerie of Winterset.**<sup>1</sup> [50*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is informed uppon the behalfe of George Reynold, Raphe Smithson, John Topham, Robert Roidhowse, Mary Crowhu', wid., Robert Foster, and Edward Scorer of Wragby, in the constablerie of Winterset, that they haveinge amongst them all but foure acres land att the most within the said constablerie, are most unreasonably assessed to pay the fourth peny to Winterset and Saintingley, who have a thousand acres belonginge to them, and that the said inhabitantes of Winterset and Saint-

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Wragby, wapentake of Staincross, Liberty of Pontefract, six miles from Wakefield.

ingley are willinge to have the said assessmentes amended and corrected with the approbacon of this Court, ORDERED that all assessmentes to be made hereafter for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service within the said constablerie shall be rated and assessed proporconably accordinge to the quantitie and quallitie of acres euerye one occupieth and enjoyeth, untill they can shew good cause to the contrarye, and the said constable of Wintersett is hereby injoynd to charge two of the hamlett of Wintersett, one of the hamlett of Wragbye, and another of the hamlett of Saintingley, to make a ratable and proporconable assessment accordinge to this order.

**Watching beacons, etc., and Thomas Speight, pensioned soldier.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 387-8.

**Gargrave bridge.** [fol. 51] Uppon open heareinge the differences dependinge betwene the wappentackes of Claro, Stainecliffe, and Ewcrosse, and the other wappentacks within this W.R. for the repaire of Gargrave bridge, forasmuch as it appeared that a former order was conceived att the last quarter sessions of peace holden here Apr. 3, 14 Chas., that the somme of *cli.* should be estreated uppon the whole W.R. and collected by the high constables there and paid over towardes the newe buildinge of a bridge of stone att Gargrave, and that the somme of *ccli.*, beinge the remaynder of the summe of *cccli.* thought fitt to be allowed for the buildinge of the said new bridge there as is aforesaid, should be estreated uppon the wappentackes of Stainecliffe, Ewcrosse, and Claro, which hath not bene performed. This Court takeinge consideracon of the premisses doth thinke fitt to confirme the said former order, and doe appoint and direct that the said moneys be forthwith levied of the said wappentackes of Stainecliffe, Ewcrosse, and Claro, to be ymployed for the finishinge of that worke begun att the said bridge.

**Manor of Hatfield, and [51d] Coal Pits at Baildon.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 388.

**Cottage.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed for and uppon the behalfe of William Smeaton of Ranfeild, yeoman, that he hath a cottage in the said towne which is now emptye and not inhabited, beinge convenient and necessarye for the harbour and habitacon of any poore people beinge a member of that parish, but onely that the said Smeaton dare not admitt of any for feare of the danger of the lawe to be ymposed uppon him, ORDERED that the said William shall be att libertie to contynue and upholde the said cottage for the habitacon and setlinge of any poore people of that parish without any danger of lawe as is desired.



**Cheife Constable.** [fol. 52] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 388.

**High Constable.** Forasmuch as William Paulden of Wakefeild, gent., hath served and executed the office of high constable within the wappentack of Agbrigge and Morley by the space of three yeares now last past, and [desireth] to be discharged and freed from that service, ORDERED that he be freed and discharged, and that Sam: Thorpp of Hopton [*written above* Roberte Shawe of Ardesley, *struck out*], gent., shall forthwith uppon notice hereof repaire unto the next monethly meetinge by the justices for that wappentack, there to take the oath for the execucon of the place of high constable within the said wappentack for and dureinge the tearme of three yeares then next followeing, as is usuall and accustomed in the like case.

**Bunnye hall and Tomson yate, Wakefield.** [52*d*] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 388.

**Poor apprentice.** Uppon consideracon taken by this Court of the disabilitie of John Haldesworth of Clayton in Bradfordale, beinge to be charged with a poore child as an apprentice accordinge to the Statute in that case provyded, ORDERED that the said John shall be discharged of [*blank*], a poore childe, and of all other children, which is intended to be placed with him as an apprentice untill he shall be of better estate and abilitie.

**Rev. Gamaliel Whittacres.** Printed in Y.A.J., v, 389.

**High Constable.** [fol. 53] Forasmuch as John Gleidhill of Barkisland, gent., one of the high constables within the wappentack of Agbrigge and Morley, hath served and executed that office by the space of three yeares or thereabouts, and hath now shewed unto this Court divers reasons for to free him for further execucon thereof, and therefore desires to be discharged and freed from the same, ORDERED that he be thereof freed and discharged, and that Peter Sunderland of Coley, gent., shall uppon notice hereof repaire unto the next monethly meetinge by the justices for that wappentack, there to take the oath to execute the office of high constable in the said wappentack for the space of three yeares now next followinge, etc.

**Rawmarsh.** Printed in Y.A.J., v, 389.

**Wakefield bridge.** Whereas Jervas Nevile, gent., surveyor of the worke att Wakefeild bridge, hath made his accompt unto this Court, and it appeareth that he hath disbursed over and above the summes by him received the summe of 22*li.* xvijs. viij*d.*, which is arreare and unpaid to him, ORDERED that the said summe shall be estreated uppon this W.R. and collected by the high constables there and paid over unto the said Mr. Nevile, and likewise that the said Mr. Nevile shall

have the olde wood which is left of that worke to dispose att his pleasure.

**Campsall assessments.** [53*d*] Uppon open heareinge and examyninge the differences dependinge amongst the inhabitantes of Campsall about theire layes and assessmentes, forasmuch as this Court is fully satisfied that there is much difference of the yearly valliditie and profittes of the landes in that parish, ORDERED that all assessmentes to be made hereafter for releef of the poore shall be assessed and rated proporconably as followeth, *videlt.* for the meadowe *ijd.* an acre, for pasture beinge enclosed ground *jd.* an acre, exceptinge somme barren ground which is but to pay a farthinge an acre, and although the said barren landes be plowed and used in husbandrye and tillage the same proporcon of a farthinge an acre is to be observed, and the rest of the arrable land there is to be assessed an *ob.* an acre and noe more.

**Scamanden assessments.** Forasmuch as Edmund Earnshawe, John Earnshawe, Edward Marstin, and divers others of the inhabitantes of Scamanden, in the par. of Hothersfeild, have informed this Court that there is great inequallitie in theire layes and assessmentes, soe that the said peticoners and divers other inhabitantes there are much oppressed and overcharged in theire said layes and assessmentes, ORDERED that the said Edmund, John, Edward, and the rest of thinhabitantess there shall attend two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace next adjoyninge unto the said parish of Hothersfeild att theire leasure, who are hereby desired to rectifie the said assessmentes if they be amisse and to make an end of the differences amongst them.

**Balne assessments.** [fol. 54] Whereas this Court is informed that divers of thinhabitantess of Balne, within the par. of Snaythe, are oppressed and overcharged in theire layes and assessmentes, the quantitie of acres that everie one occupieth and enjoyeth beinge not certaynly knowne nor discovered, soe that divers of them are assessed after the rate and proporcon of more acres and others lesse acres then they occupy and enjoy, ORDERED that the nowe constable there shall nominate and appoint foure indifferent inhabitantes of the said towne to rate and asseesse an indifferent assessment proporconably accordinge to the quantity of acres euerye one occupieth and enjoyeth in that towneshipp, and then uppon certificate made of the said assessment the same to be confirmed by this Court, and that Richard Franck of Campsall, gent., and John Kenth of Womersley, gent., shall pay such assessmentes as they arreare unto them of Snaith uppon notice hereof att theire perill.



**South Milford, and Sir F. Fuljambe, Bart.** Printed in Y.A.J., v, 389.

**William Thompson.** [54*d*] Forasmuch as it was formerly ordered that William Thompson of Brotherton, gent., who occupieth and enjoyeth divers landes beinge in severall constableries within the said par. of Brotherton, should pay all such layes and assessmentes as shall be ymposed equally uppon him within the severall constableries of Brotherton, now forasmuch as this Court is informed that the said William Tempson [*sic*] and somme others have refused to performe the said former order in contempt of justice, and to the evill example of others, THIS COURT haveinge heard the allegacons of both parties doe ORDER that the said former order shall be confirmed, and that the said William Tompson shall pay all such assessmentes as are now due and all arreares of assessmentes, and if he shall refuse to performe the same then uppon complaint made he to be taken bound to answeere his contempt the next sessions.

**Crofton assessments.** Forasmuch as it was formerly ordered att the generall quarter sessions of the peace holden att Pontefract Apr. 18, 13 Chas., uppon the complaint of Oswald Shepperd of Crofton, who complayned of an inequallitie in rateinge and taxeinge theire assessmentes in that towneshipp, that the assessmentes then after to be made should be made accordinge to the quantitie and qualitie of acres euerye one occupied and enjoyed, and forasmuch as the said Oswald now alledgeth that the said order is opposed by Henry Potter and Roger Walker of Crofton, beinge two of thinhabitantes there, ORDERED that the said former order shall be confirmed, and the assessmentes hereafter to be made be ruled accordinge to the said former order unles the said Henry and Roger can forthwith shewe good cause before somme of his Maties justices of peace to the contrarye, the said Oswald haveinge notice thereof.

**John Harcoort's children.** [fol. 55] Forasmuch as William Nelstropp of Tanshelfe peticoned this Court and informed that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Tanshelfe haveinge placed two children of John Harcoortes, gent., who is fled and gone out of the cuntrye, with the said William Nelstropp, and left them the said children to the charge of the said inhabitantes of Tanshelfe, and that the said churchwardens and overseers are now arreare and behynde unto him the summe of *iiijl.* vs. *iiijd.*, which summe they have promised to pay, but still doth putt him of with delay, although they be ordered by this Court to provyde for the said children, THIS COURT

doth therefore confirme the said former order and DOTH ORDER that the said churchw : and overseers shall forthwith pay and satisfie the said summe of *iiijl. vs. iiijd.* unto the said William, or uppon complaint made to any of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace within this W.R., the parties soe refuseinge to be bound to answere their contemptes the next sessions, in the meane tyme to be of good behaviour.

**Chappell Hadlesey assessments.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed uppon the behalfe of thinhabitantes of Chappell Hadlesey that a former order beinge conceived by this Court att the generall quarter sessions of the peace holden att Pontefract Apr. 18, 13 Chas., that all such layes and assessmentes as hereafter shall be taxed and assessed upon that towneshipp should be equally assessed accordinge to the quantitie and qualitie of acres euerye one doth occupie and enjoye, and that the landes belonginge unto the lord of the mannor in Chappell Hadlesey should be equally assessed with the rest of the landes in that towneshipp, THIS COURT DOTH THEREFORE thinke fitt to confirme the said former order and doth APPOINT the constable to name fower indifferent assessors to make assessment, and doth ALSO ORDER that whosoever doth refuse to consent unto and pay their said assessmentes soe assessed uppon complaint made a warrant to be awarded against them to take them bound to the [*sic*] good behaviour, and to appeare att the next generall quarter sessions of the peace to be holden for this W.R., there to answere their contempt in the premisses.

**Constable of Hillam.**<sup>1</sup> [*55d*] Forasmuch as George Bew, late constable of Hillam, informed this Court that he hath disbursed in the execucon of his office the summe of *xvijs. vijd.* which is arreare and unpaid unto him, and now denyed to be paid unto him by the constable for this present yeare, ORDERED that Robert Berridge, now constable there, shall pay and satisfye the said George Bew the said *xvijs. vijd.* uppon sight hereof, and that Anne Robinson, wid., shall pay and satisfye unto the said George Bew the summe of *xiiijd.* which shee is arreare unto him or, uppon complaint made to any of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace within the said W.R., they to be taken bound to answere their contempt the next sessions.

**Todwick assessments.** Forasmuch as thinhabitantes of Todwick have peticoned this Court and informed that divers of the poorer sort of the said parish have heretofore bene oppressed in payeing of layes and assessmentes, and now to

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Monk Fryston, wapentake of Barkston Ash, four miles from Ferrybridge.



thend that everie one should pay proporconably accordeinge to the quantitie of acres he enjoyeth, and for the ease of the poorer sort the said inhabitantes have concluded and agreed with the approbacon and consent of Sir Francis Fane, knight of the ho<sup>ble</sup> order of the [*sic*], and Sir Hardolphe Wastneys,<sup>1</sup> bart., that everye one should pay for the landes they enjoy proporconably after the rate of a halfe penny an acre their best landes and a farthinge an acre the worse, and desired the confirmacon of this Court for that proporcon to be observed hereafter, THIS COURT DOTH CONFIRME the same, and doth order that a warrant be awarded against those that refuse to pay the same, to be levyed of their goodes and chattells if any doe refuse hereafter.

**Barnebroughe assessments.** [fol. 56] Forasmuch as this Court is informed for and uppon the behalfe of the inhabitantes of Barnebroughe that usually all layes and assessmentes which have bene formerly made and taxed within that parish have bene layd and taxed accordinge to the number of cattell which everye inhabitant and parishioner did yearely putt to their commons there, soe that many of the richer sort haveinge enclosed groundes to putt their cattell to are thereby freed and the poorer sort oppressed, ORDERED that fower indifferent inhabitantes of the said parish shall make and asseesse a constable lay for his Mat<sup>ties</sup> service accordinge to the quantitie and quallitie of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth, which shall be confirmed by this Court to be observed amongst them hereafter unlesse cause be shewed to the contrarye att or before the next sessions.

**Viscount Savile and others.** Printed in Y.A.J., v, 389.

**Brighouse bridge.** [56*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is certified that [*sic*] Sir John Savile, knt., and Thomas Thornehill, esq., two of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, of the great decay of Brighouse bridge, within the wappentacke of Agbrig and Morley, which is a cuntry bridge, and ought to be charged uppon the whole W.R., and that the summe of xlviii*li*. will but repaire the same, ORDERED that the said summe shall be estreated uppon the said W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto the said Thomas Thornehill, esq., and Joseph Lockwood, to be ymployed for the repaire of the said bridge for the generall good of the cuntrye.

<sup>1</sup> Of Headon, co. Notts., created a baronet 1622, son of Gervase Wasteneys, Esq., and Jane, daughter of Lionel Reresby, of Thribergh. He married Jane, daughter of Gervase Eyre, Esq., of Kinton, co. York, and died May, 1649.—J.W.C.

**Constable of Ewcrosse.** Forasmuch as Jonas Squire, one of the high constables of the wappentacke of Ewcrosse, informed this Court that he hath served and executed the said office by the space of three yeares last past, and now desireth to be discharged thereof, ORDERED that Thomas Blakeinge of [blank] shall forthwith uppon sight hereof repaire unto William Lowther, esq., or some other his Mat<sup>ies</sup> justices of peace within the said W.R., and there take the oath of high constable for the said wappentacke accordinge to the Statute in that case provyded, and that the said Jonas Squire shall be from thenceforth discharged of the said place.

**Trumfleet. The Plague there.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 390.

**John Ellis.** [fol. 57] Forasmuch as this Court is informed that John Ellis of Roell,<sup>1</sup> esq., refuseth to pay such layes and assessmentes as are lawfully assessed and ymposed uppon him for his Mat<sup>ies</sup> service within the constablerie of Kellington, ORDERED that the nowe constable of Kellington shall distreyne of the goodes of the said Mr John Ellis for such layes and assessmentes as arreare and unpaid unto him, and the goodes so distreyned with the assistance of somme of the sufficient men of that towneshipp apprise, and detayne the said arreare and repay the surplusage, and this to be his sufficient warrant in that behalfe.

**King's Purveyor.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 390.

**Aiketon assessments.** [57*d*] Forasmuch as it was formerly ordered by this Court that all layes and assessmentes to be paid and assessed within the towne of Aiketon should be made and assessed after the quantitie and quallitie of acres everye one occupied and enjoyed, and for that they now informe that there is an assessment now made which is contradictorie unto the said former order, and therefore it was desired that indifferent assessors shall be appointed, ORDERED that all layes and assessmentes hereafter to be made shall be made and assessed by fower sufficient inhabitantes of that towneshipp, whereof two of them to be tennantes and noe freeholders, and other two to be freeholders and noe tennantes, within the said towne, and that assessment to be confirmed by this Court, and soe to contynue afterwarde.

**Darrington, etc.** Whereas divers differences are now dependinge amongst the inhabitantes of Darrington, Wentbrigge, Skelbrooke, Adwick, and divers other townes neere adjoyneinge the roade way for the conveyinge and carryinge

<sup>1</sup> Rowle Hall, in the township and parish of Kellington, Liberty of Pontefract, six miles from Snaith.



of criples from Doncaster unto Ferribriggs backwardes and forwardes, and divers severall orders have bene made and conceived by this Court about the same finall endinge and determyninge of all which differences, ORDERED that Sir John Ramsden, knt., Sir Thomas Wentworth, knt., Sir Edward Rodes, knt., and Robert Rockley, esq., foure of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, or any two of them, shall examyne the differences and take a veiwe of the way in question and conceive an order therein, the which both parties are willinge to submitt to, and the same to be confirmed by this Court, but in the meane tyme the last order of this Court is to stand in force to be obeyed by all parties.

**Treasurer for lame soldiers, and Snaith towneheard for Swyne** [fol. 58]. Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 390.

**George Wilson.** Forasmuch as divers differences are dependenge betwene the inhabitantes of Stainton cum Hellabye and George Wilson, gent., about the payment of his the said Wilson's layes and his assessmentes for his Mat<sup>ties</sup> service, the said Mr Wilson alledginge that he payes for that land he occupyes in Stainton to the inhabitantes of Tickhill, ORDERED that the said differences shall be wholly referred unto the examynacon of Sir Raphe Hansbye,<sup>1</sup> knt., and William West, esq., who are to sett downe what the said Mr Wilson shall pay in Tickhill and what in Stainton, which are to be observed hereafter.

**Stainton and Hellebye assessments.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed that there is great inequallitie in their layes and assessmentes in Stainton and Hellabie now observed amongst them, and therefore they desired consideracon might be taken thereof, ORDERED that an equall [*sic*] shall be made and assessed amongst them accordinge to the quantitie and quallitie of acres everye one occupyeth and enjoyeth without any partiallitie, which must be observed hereafter.

**Beacons.** [58*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 390.

**Sir F. Fuliambe.** [fol. 59] Uppon perusall of an order made the last generall quarter sessions of peace holden att Pontefract the 23 Aprill instant, whereby Sir Francis Fuliambe,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Of Tickhill Castle, son of John Hansby, Esq., and Aubrey, daughter of ——— Lovel, of Skelton. He married (1) Jane, daughter of William Vavasour, Esq., of Hazlewood; (2) a daughter of John Gerard, Esq. He was buried at Tickhill, 2 Dec., 1643.—J.W.C.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Francis Foljambe, of Walton and Aldwark, son of Francis Foljambe, Esq., of Aldwark, and Frances his wife, daughter of Thomas Burdett, of Birthwaite, and relict of Francis Wortley, of Wortley. He was created a baronet 24 July, 1622; was M.P. for Pontefract 1625–7. He married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Wray, of Glentworth; (2) Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Reresby, of Thribergh. He died s.p., and was buried at Glentworth, 19 April, 1638.—J.W.C.

bart., and Mrs. Marye Mirffin are enjoined to pay the layes and assessmentes ymposed uppon them for his Maties service for theire landes within the constablerye of Rawmarshe, and the said Sir Francis now affirmeth that much of that landes is in the handes of tennantes, and that they are not assessed for that landes they occupye and enjoye, but the whole burthen is charged uppon him, ORDERED that the immediate tennantes of that landes in Rawmarsh shall pay theire proporconable shares of the said assessmentes accordinge to the quantitie of acres they occupye and enjoy, and that the said Sir Francis shall be discharged of payeing any parte of those assessmentes, but onely for the landes he hath in his owne occupacon and possession.

**Scoales Moor.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 390.

**Swillington bridge.** [59*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is informed of the great ruyne and decay of y<sup>e</sup> bowbridges and causes adjoyninge unto the great stone bridge att Swillington, which bridge is in the booke of bridges to be repaired att the charge of the W.R., that beinge the highroade way betweene the markett towne of Wakefeild and divers other townes in the said W.R. unto the cittie of Yorke, ORDERED that Sir Thomas Bland, knt., John Ramsden, knt., and Conyers Darcy,<sup>1</sup> esq., or any two of them shall viewe the defectes and decayes there, and compute what summe of moneyes will repaire the same and make certificate thereof unto this Court, which summe is to be furthwith allowed out of the said W.R., and collected by the high constables of the severall wappentackes there, and paid over unto such supervisors of that worke as they shall appoint, that the same may be ymployed accordingly.

**Manston assessment.** Uppon open heareinge and examyninge the differences dependinge betweene Hugh Wentworth, gent., and the inhabitantes of the towneshipp of Austropp, in the presence of councell learned on both parties, the said Hugh Wentworth beinge tennant or farmer unto James Mauliv-  
erer, esq., of a house and landes in Manston, parcell of that towneshipp, and alledgeth that he is over burthened and over charged in his layes and assessmentes for his constable layes, forasmuch as it appeareth uppon oath unto this Court that many yeares since the verie same complaint was drawne in question in this Court, and then it was ordered and determyned

<sup>1</sup> Son of Thomas Darcy, Esq., of Hornby Castle, and Elizabeth, second daughter and coheir of John, Lord Conyers of Hornby. He was created, in August, 1641, Lord Darcy and Lord Conyers. He married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Henry Bellasis, of Newburgh, and was buried at Hornby, 11 May, 1653.—J.W.C.



that the lordshipp of Manston should pay the same proporcon which it now doth, viz., in everye lay of foure nobles which is a single lay in that towneshipp Manston is to pay the halfe thereof, and Barroby a fourth parte, and the towne of Austropp the other fourth parte, which hath bene soe paid anciently, and appeares to this Court by use and recordes to be just and reasonable, and made uppon good groundes and reasons, and this Court conceiveth yt fitt to be contynued, and doth order and confirme the same to be hereafter paid accordingly, and that he, the said Mr. Wentworth, shall furthwith make payment of what he is arreare after the rate for the layes and taxes allreadye layd and unpaid by him, and if he refuse soe to doe a warrant graunted to apprehend the said Hugh to be caryed before somme of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace in this division, to enter into recognizances to appeare att the next sessions to be houlden in this division, and in the meane tyme to be of good behaviour.<sup>1</sup>

[*Folios 60 to 62 are missing.*]

#### SKIPTON.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 82] General Sessions held at, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, before Ferdinando Fairfax, knight, W<sup>m</sup> Lister, k<sup>t</sup>, W<sup>m</sup> Lowther, esq., W<sup>m</sup> White, esq., and Edward Parker,<sup>2</sup> esq., Justices.

JURORS—John Lupton, gent., Roger Whawley, gent., Robt. Benson, gent., Stephen Tillottson, gent., Henry Young, gent., Christ<sup>r</sup> Hartley of Marton, gent., John Smythson, yeoman, John Whitwham, yeoman, Henry Wrethey, yeoman, Henry Bland, yeoman, James Greene, yeoman, Tho<sup>s</sup> Wade, yeoman, Tho<sup>s</sup> Thophan, Peter Barrett, John Lupton of Linton, Joshua Smythson, and Stephen Gill.

WHO PRESENT—Thomas Nussey of Apletreewicke, husbandman, for that on the 31 Oct., 1638, being Constable there, and having in his custody Ellen Jackson on suspicion of felony, he so negligently kept her that he permitted her to go at large. Witn., Jo. Bilton. (Puts himself on the clemency of the court, and his fine is taxed at 10s., paid sheriff.)

Augustine Tennant of Kettlewell, laborer, for unlawfully

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Bastardy [51*d*], Breach of hiring contract [53*d*], Cottage [57], Relief of Poor [52].

<sup>2</sup> Of Browsholme Hall, near Clitheroe, son of Thomas Parker and Bridget Tempest, was born 3 Aug., 1602. He married Mary, daughter of Richard Sunderland, Esq., of High Sunderland, and died in 1667. He was the direct ancestor of Col. Parker, High Sheriff this year (1913).

throwing down on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, the stones of the dwelling-house of Thomas Ripley there. Witn., Tho. Ripley. (At large. Confesses, the fine is taxed at 2s. 6d., paid sheriff, at Knaresbrough, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1639.)

[82d] That the King's highway within the parish of Clapham in a place called Austwicke leasings, and between the market towns of Settle and Lancaster, is in great decay for lack of repair. And that Michael Howson of Austwick and the other inhabitants there ought to repair the same at their own cost and expense. Therefore a penalty of £20 is laid upon the said Michael and the other inhabitants that they sufficiently repair the same before the feast of Martinmas next. Witn., Andrew Berry, Ro. Guy. (On the certificate of Ralph Baynes, gent., in court that the way is now repaired the penalty is exonerated, at Wetherby, 14 January, 1639(-40).)

That on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1639, a bridge, commonly called Cow Bridge, within the parish of Long Preston, and leading between the market town of Skipton and that of Preston in Amundernesse, in Lancashire, is now in great decay for lack of repair; and that the inhabitants of the wapentake of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse ought to repair and maintain the same according to custom of the same wapentake. Witn., Jeffrey Rishton, Tho. Wigglesworth.

Also that a common bridge, called Crookey Laine bridge, within the wapentake of Ewcrosse, is now in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the wapentakes of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse ought, and are accustomed, to reparaire the same. Witn., Jo. Cowper, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Reading.

[fol. 83] John Brooke of Arncliffe, blacksmith, for breaking and entering on 20 May, 1639, the shop door of Edmund Bolland there. Witn., Jo. Readman. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 2s. 6d.)

That a common bridge, called Slaidburne bridge, within the wapentake of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse, on the King's highway between the City of York and the town of Lancaster, is now in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of the West Riding of the County of York ought to repair the same bridge. Witn., Tho. Hide, W<sup>m</sup> King, Tho. Parkinson, Tho. Mitton, Jo. Lacye, gent., Chr. Parkinson.

Thomas Morehouse of Skipton, shoemaker, for assaulting and maltreating there on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1639, Thomas Jackman and George Corke, then Constables of Skipton; also with using divers opprobrious words to the said Thomas and George. Witn., Tho. Jackman, Geo. Corke. (At large.)



William Carr of Grastongill, in the parish of Bentham, husbandman, for driving away at Newby on 23<sup>d</sup> May, 1639, a "cow, color black," value £4, the property of Thomas Wildman. Witn., Jennett Wildman. (At large. At Wetherby, 14 January, 1639(-40), confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 40s.)

[83*d*] W<sup>m</sup> King of Otterburne, husbandman, Anne his wife, Thomas Mitton and Ambrose Mitton, both of Slaidburne Woodhouse, yeomen, for on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1639, unlawfully entering upon a messuage and ten acres of land at the latter place, also upon half an acre of "roid land" there, with the common to the same belonging, containing 17<sup>a</sup> 3<sup>r</sup> and 16 "*les falles*" of land upon Rawmore and Burne Moore, then in the peaceable possession of Isabell King, widow, Thomasine Atkinson, and Antony Dixon, and forcibly expelling them from possession thereof, and keeping them out of possession until now. Witn., Isab. King, W<sup>m</sup> Clapham, Anth. Dixon, Thomasine Atkinson. (Put themselves. Removed, because it was witnessed by the Jurors that this indictment was ignored by them.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 63] **Highways.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed for and uppon the behalfe of the inhabitantes of the wappentack of Stainecliffe and Ewcrosse that divers summes of moneyes are dayly levyed of the inhabitantes there for neglect of not repairinge their highwayes, which moneyes is mis-ymployed and detayned either in the bayliffes handes or converted to their owne use, not beinge bestowed uppon the repaire of the said highwayes as the lawe intends, ORDERED and desired by this Court that Sir William Lister, knt., William White, esq., and Edward Parker, esq., three of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, or two of them, will call all the said parties before them att their best leasure and examyne the differences, and the said bayliffes make accompt of such summes as they have received, or doe therein as they shall thinke fittinge.

**Gargrave bridge.** Forasmuch as the graund inquest for our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge have presented the great ruyne and decay of Gargrave bridge, and that itt ought to be repaired by this Westriding, consideringe that [it] is not knowne nor doth appeare who ought to repaire itt, and for that the said bridge hath bene veiwed by Sir William Lister, knt., and William Lowther, esq., two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, who

doe conceive that the summe of *cccli.* will but finish that worke, parte whereof is allreadye estreated, viz., a hundred and three score poundes, and the rest beinge nowe unestreated and uncollected, the said worke beinge halfe finished, and will not permitt to stay the levyinge of the remaynder untill the next generall sessions to be holden after Easter, ORDERED that the summe of a hundred fourescore and tenne poundes, beinge the residue, shall be presently estreated uppon this Westriding and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto Stephen Tempest, gent., Henry Colthirst, and Richard Mason, to be ymployed for the finishinge thereof.

**Crooke lane bridge.** [63*d*] Forasmuch as the bridge comonly called Crooke Lane bridge, within the wappentacke of Ewcrosse, is presented to be in great ruyne and decaye, beinge settled in the highroade way leadinge betweene the countie of Yorke and the countye of Westmerland, which said bridge is and hath bene usually maynetayned and repaired att the charge of both the said counties joyntly, and forasmuch as the summe of *lxi.* will but repaire the same, the moyetie whereof is allreadye allowed by the justices of peace in the countie of Westmerland, ORDERED that the summe of *xxxli.* more be forthwith estreated uppon the wappentacke of Staynecliffe and Ewcrosse and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto John Cowper, gent., and William Reddinge, to be ymployed for the repaire thereof.

**Cottage.** Forasmuch as John Greene of Hartlington, beinge a poore man and destitute of houseroome, peticoned this Court and informed that the cheefe lordes of Hartlington, together with most of the inhabitantes there, are willinge that he should erect and build a house uppon the waste, and therefore desired the approbacon of this Court, ORDERED that the said John shall be att libertie to erect and builde a house there uppon such parte of the waste in that towne as the lordes of the soyle shall assigne and allott unto him as is desired.

**Slaydburne bridge.** [fol. 64] Forasmuch as the graund inquest for our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge have att this present sessions presented the great ruyne and decay of Slaydburne bridge, in the wapentacke of Staynecliffe, and the said bridge is and ought to be repaired att the charge of this W.R. THIS COURT doth therefore entreat William White, esq., and Edward Parker, esq., two of his Maties justices, to veiwe the defectes of that bridge, and certifie unto this Court what summe of money will repaire the same, and then further consideracon to be taken thereof.



**Thorneton and Ingleton bridges.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed of the great ruyne and decaye of two bridges scituate within the parishe [*sic*] of Ewcrosse, comonlye called Thorneton and Ingleton bridges, which said bridges are usually repaired att the equall charge of both the wappentackes of Staynecliffe and Ewcrosse, and for that informacon is geven that the summe of viij*li.* will but repaire the same, ORDERED that the summe of eight poundes be forthwith estreated uppon the said wappentackes and collected by the high constables there, and paide over unto William Lowther, esq., one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, who is desired to see the same bestowed for the repaire of the said bridges.

**John Baxter.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed that John Baxter thelder of Carleton, yeoman, beinge latelye constable, and John Baxter the yonger, his sonne, clothier, beinge his deputie, have collected and gathered divers severall summes of money in that towneshipp, for which they have not yett made any account but keepes and detaynes the surplisage of that moneys in their handes, ORDERED that the said John B. the father and John B. the sonne shall uppon notice hereof make their accountes before two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, or uppon complaint made the said parties to be bound to answer their contempt the next Sessions.

**William Carr.** [64*d*] Forasmuch as William Carre, late of Graystongill, in the par. of Bentham, standes indicted att this Sessions for the unlawfull takeinge and driveinge away of a cowe, beinge the goodes of one Thomas Wyldman, and hath not as yett appeared unto the said inditement, and for that this Court is informed that the said cowe is now in the possession of Roberte Carr of Clapham, ORDERED that the said William C. and Roberte C. shall forthwith restore the said cowe unto the said Thomas W., or uppon complaint made to any his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices they to be bound to the next sessions to be holden for this W.R., there to answer their contempt in the premisses.

**Cowbridge.** Forasmuch as the graund inquest for our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge have this day presented the great ruyne and decay of Cowbridge, within the wappentacke of Staynecliffe and Ewcrosse, and that the summe of xxx*li.* will but repaire the same, ORDERED that the said somme shall be estreated uppon the said wappentack, and collected by the high constable there, and paid over unto George Towneley, gent., and William Moone, to be ymployed for the present repayre thereof.

**Christofer Boothman.** For that this Court is informed of the povertie and necessitie of Christofer Boothman of Gargrave,

ORDERED that the inhabitantes there shall forbear to asseesse him for any service whatsoever for the poore or for his Maties service untill it shall please God to enable him and make him of better estate.

**King's gaudes, Hebden,** and [fol. 65] **Addingham, Bolton's gift to the poor.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 391.<sup>1</sup>

### ROTHERHAM.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 85] General Sessions held at, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, before Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., George Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, John Reresby, esq., W<sup>m</sup> West, esq., Robt. Rockley, esq., Thomas Jopson, esq., and John Mauliverer, esq., Justices.

JURORS — W<sup>m</sup> Spencer, gent., Ric. Ward, gent., Howsley Freeman, gent., John Stacie, gent., Thomas Lord, gent., Francis Dicconson, Ric. Robinson, W<sup>m</sup> Wainewright, Thomas Cowper, Antony Goodwyn, Robt. Kirke, John Nelson, Thomas Day, W<sup>m</sup> Conway, and Henry Ellis.

WHO PRESENT—Charles Swayles of Finingley, co. Nottingham, laborer, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1638, at Balne, "a pewther flaggon" (*lagenam*), value 5s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Doughtie. Witn., Wm. Doughtie. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d*.)

Jane Hill of Swynton, spinster, and Elizabeth Hicke of the same, widow, for stealing at Wath on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1639, "fower lambes," value 2s. each, the property of someone unknown. (Put themselves, guilty to 4*d*.)

Elizabeth Hassard, wife of Peter Hassard of Hecke, cobbler, for stealing there on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1639, a goose value 2s., and 12 young geese value 6s., the property of Ralph Davison. Witn., Ra. Davison, Ann Davison, W<sup>m</sup> Jackson, Tho. Saunderson. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[85*d*] Elizabeth Brooke, wife of W<sup>m</sup> Brooke of Wombell, cutler, for stealing there on 10 Feb., 1637(–8), "two peckes of rie meale," the property of John Brinsmaide. Witn., Rob. Speight. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Joan Rudd of Swinfleet, spinster, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1639, 10*d*. in money, the property of James Rudd. Also Robert Haworth of the same, laborer, for before the above felony, to wit on 23<sup>d</sup> May, 1639, inciting the said Joan thereto, and Anne Haworth, for knowingly receiving and harbouring

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Provision for bastard child [63*d*] and Settlement [63*d*].



her on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Confession. (Confesses, sentence to be whipped.)

Robert Watson of Carlecroft, laborer, for stealing on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1639, at Owston, a sheep, value 3s. 4<sup>d</sup>., the property of someone unknown. Witn., Philip Burton.

[fol. 86] Dorothy Marwood, wife of John Marwood of Thorpp Hesle, husbandman, for being there on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1639, and at divers other times, both before and since, a common scold, disturber of the King's peace, and calumniator. Witn., Cristian Hill, Sam. Whitley, Jane Guest. (At large. Doncaster, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1639, the said Dorothy stood *in cippa, Angl.* "in the cucking stoole" at Wentworth.)

John Chadwicke of Rotheram, husbandman, for breaking into the dwelling house of Edward Turner there on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), and taking and converting to his own use goods and household stuff to the value of £5, then and there being, belonging to the said Edward Turner. Witn., Edw. Turner, Adam Cheney, Ja. Hugall. (At large. Appeared and put himself on the clemency of the court; fine 2s. 6<sup>d</sup>., paid sheriff.)

Robert Walker of Oxspring, laborer, for on the 25 July, 1637, and on divers other days, both before and after, breaking into the free chase or park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., called New Parke, at Wortley, chasing one deer therein with dogs and guns, and killing one doe there. Witn., Will Parkin. (Confesses, is committed according to the form of the Statute.)

[86<sup>d</sup>] George Jackson of Chesterfeild, co. Derby, tinker, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), and at divers other times, both before and since, exercising at Rotheram the art or mystery called in English "the pewtherer's trade," buying and selling divers *opera enei, Angl.* "pewtherer's" work, when in truth and fact he was never brought up in that art or mystery as apprentice for the space of seven years, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Leo. Watton. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Thomas Gargrave of West Hardwick, linen webster, for assaulting and maltreating on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, Christopher Wilson, Constable of that town. Witn., Chr. Wilson, Jo. Viccars. (Puts himself on the clemency of the court, and fine 10s.)

Richard Holden of Thrighbergh, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating at Rotheram on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1639, Bartholomew Hunter. Witn., Barth. Hunter, Anne Browne. (Puts himself on the clemency of the court, and fine 10s.)

[fol. 87] Margaret Ward of Ackworth, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1639, Henry Wilkinson,

Constable there. Witn., Jo. Goodyear, Hen. Wilkinson. (Puts herself on the clemency of the court, and fine 12*d*.)

That whereas Thomas Revell, Constable of Bradfeild, on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, arrested there and had in his custody one Richard Hall by virtue of the warrant of Robert Rockley, esq., one of the Justices, and whereas the said Thomas Revell on the same day committed the said Richard Hall to one Richard Worrall of Bradfeild, husbandman, to be kept safe and secure, the latter kept him so negligently that he permitted him to go at large, etc. In contempt, etc. Witn., Tho. Revell. (Puts himself, guilty, fine £5.)

W<sup>m</sup> Newbold of Hunsworth, "scissorsmith," for assaulting and maltreating there on 31 Jan., 1638(-9), one W<sup>m</sup> Walker. Witn., Wm. Walker, Mary Lillie. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[87*d*] John Burley of Ewes, yeoman, for on 21 Dec., 1637, and at divers other times, both before and since, breaking into the free chase or park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., called the New Parke, at Wortley, and chasing the deer therein with dogs and guns, and killing two male deer and two does there. Witn., Chr. Whiteley, W<sup>m</sup> Parkin. (Puts himself.)

John Ibottson of the Hill Top, in the parish of Bradfeild, laborer, and Thomas Swynden of the same, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, at Rotheram, Abraham Stocks. Witn., Abr. Stockes. (Both at large. Confess, and the fine of each 2*s*.)

Richard French of Brinsforth,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, for that he did not repair to his parish church, or any other place of common prayer, for one month preceding the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1639. Witn., Ja. Wood. (Proclamation was made according to the form of the Statute at Rotheram the day and year above said.)

[fol. 88] That the common bridges within the parish of Bradfeild, commonly called Nether Bradford (*sic*) Milne bridge and Robucke bridge, are now in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of Bradfeild byerley and the over end of Dungworth byerley ought to repair the bridge called Nether Bradford (*sic*) Milne bridge; and the inhabitants of Dungworth byerley and Morewood ought to repair Robucke Bridge. Therefore a penalty of £30 is laid upon the inhabitants there that they sufficiently repair the same bridges before Martinmas next. Witn., Tho. Revell. (Put themselves.)

That the King's highway called Shippen Laine, leading between the town of Clayton and that of Hooton, is now in

<sup>1</sup> Apparently Brindsworth, in the parish of Rotherham, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, Liberty of Hallamshire, two miles from Rotherham.



great decay for lack of repair, and that Lady Mary Stanhope<sup>1</sup> of Stodfold, widow, ought to repair the same. Therefore a penalty of £10 is laid that she sufficiently repair the same before the last day of August next to come. Witn., Richard Thomson. (Barnard Marshall appeared at Doncaster 9 October, 1639, and upon his oath said the King's way was repaired.)

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**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 66] **Burghwallis assessments**, and **Mayor's prison, Pontefract**. Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 392.

**Campsall assessments.** [66*d*] Forasmuch as divers differences have depended in this Court amongst the inhabitantes of Campsall about theire layes and assessmentes, this Court beinge fully satisfied that there is much difference of the yearly valliditie and profittes of the landes in that parish, ORDERED that John Lambe of Ackworth, gent., and Henrye Motherbye of Cowicke, gent., shall survey and examyne the quantitye and qualitie of acres everye one occupyeth and enjoyeth, and then an assessment to be rated and made accordinglye.

**Smeaton.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 392.

**Robert Watson.** Uppon the peticon of Robert Watson of Thurne, laborer, who complayneth of his povertie and necessitie, as also that he is destitute of housroome and harbour, haveinge had his last setlinge and aboade there, and ought by lawe to be there provyded for, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Thurne shall not onely provyde convenient houseroome for the said Roberte, but also allowe such further allowance weekly unto him as his necessities shall require, or uppon the denyall or contempt herein the penaltie of the lawe to be ymposed uppon them.

**Bradfeild and Robuck bridges.** [fol. 67] Forasmuch as the Jurye for our soveraigne Lord the Kinge doe present the great decaye of Nether Bradfeild milnebridge and Robucke bridge in Bradfeild, and that the said bridge called Nether Bradfeild milnebridge ought to be repaired by the inhabitantes of Bradfeild bierley and the over end of Dungworth byerley, and the bridge called Robucke bridge ought to be repaired by the inhabitantes of [the nether end of *interlined*] Dungworth bierley and Moorewood, ORDERED that a payne of xxxli. be ymposed uppon the inhabitantes that the said bridge [*sic*]

<sup>1</sup> Widow of Sir John Stanhope, of Mellwood, in the Isle of Axholme, and of Stotfold, in the parish of Hooton-Pagnel, daughter and heiress of William Hawley, of Stotfold. She was married 25 May, 1593, and was buried at Hooton-Pagnel, 24 Jan., 1660.

be repaired before the feast of St. Martin the Bishop in Winter next comeinge, and further that John Smalefeild and Stephen Barber shall be surveyors of the worke att Nether Bradfeild Milnebridge, and Roberte Rawson and Edward Ibbotson surveyors of the worke att Robucke bridge.

**Bambroughe.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 393.

**Apprentice.** [67*d*] Uppon examinacon taken of the differences dependenge betweene Oliver Nodder of Rotheram, mercer, and Stephen Bright, his apprentice, sonne of William Bright of Whorley,<sup>1</sup> in the W.R., yeoman, ORDERED with the consent and approbacon of both parties that the said Oliver shall stand discharged of his said apprentice, Stephen Bright, and that the said parties shall deliver unto each other their severall indentures to be cancelled, and the said Stephen Bright and his frendes are att libertie to provyde him of a maister elsewhere.

**Apprentice.** Whereas Henrye Moore of Darnell, joyner, hath peticoned and informed this Court that he haveinge one Roberte Gilberthorpe put unto him an apprentice, who hath for these 12 weekes bene lunatique and not fitt for any ymployment, and that he hath noe frendes att all to provyde or mayneteyne him, ORDERED that the said Henrye Moore shall be discharged of his said apprentice from henceforth, and that the parishioners of Sheffeld shall provyde for the said Roberte Gilberthorpe with all necessaries fittinge for all such in distresse.

**Fire.** Forasmuch as this Court is credibly informed uppon the behalfe of Nicholas Martin of Cridlinge Stubbs<sup>2</sup> that, he beinge a painefull and laborious man, and haveinge noethinge to maynetayne himselfe, his wife, and seaven poore children but his hand labour, and the said Nicholas goeing to his labour earely in the morneinge uppon 12 June last past, itt most unfortunately happened that a most sudden and lamentable fire happened in his dwellinge house, but by what meanes is unknowne, which verie suddenly burnt and consumed not onelye the said dwellinge house, but also all his goodes therein, save that noethinge will be saved, to the vallue of xxx*li*. and upwardes, to the utter ruyne and overthrowe of him, his wife, and children, THIS COURT takeinge consideracon of the premisses doe desire the ministers of the severall churches and chappells within the wappentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, Staynecrosse

<sup>1</sup> Probably Whirlow, a hamlet in the township of Ecclesall-Bierlow, four miles from Sheffield.

<sup>2</sup> In the parishes of Womersley and Darrington, wapentake of Osgoldcross, Liberty of Pontefract, 2½ miles from Ferrybridge.



and Osgodcrosse, that they will be pleased to publish the contentes hereof in their severall churches and chappells uppon somme Lordes day, and there collect the charitable benevolence of their severall parishioners towards their releefe and maynetaynance of him the said Nicholas, beinge att this present in this miserable and distressed estate.

**Settlement.** [fol. 68] Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of the parish of Cawthorne hath enformed this Court that one George Hall, roughe mason, haveinge dwelte and remayned of 8 or 9 yeares last past within the par. of Ecclesfeild, is lately joyned amongst them, and hath brought his wife and a childe with him, intendinge to settle himselfe with his father in Cawthorne, and soe like to be chargeable and burthensome unto that parish, ORDERED that the said George Hall shall be remaunded and sent back unto Ecclesfeild, there to be setled and provyded for as the lawe in that case hath appointed and provided.

**Balne assessment.** Forasmuch as Boniface Warde, Thomas Tayler, Ratcliffe Hazard, and Richard Wilson have by vertue of an order made att the last generall sessions of the peace holden for this W.R. att Pontefract 23 Apr. last past, certified this Court the quantitie of acres everye one occupyeth and enjoyeth within the towneshipp and constablerye of Balne, and rated and assessed an assessment accordinglye for his Maties service, which is nowe opposed by Nicholas Yarbroughe, esq., one of the inhabitantes there, who desireth that he may except against the said assessment, ORDERED that the said Mr Yarbroughe shall have libertie untill the next sessions to be holden for this W.R. to except against the said certificate and assessment, but in the meane tyme the said assessment is confirmed by this Court to be forthwith payd by the severall to the constable there, and for to contynue untill the next sessions.

**Expedition to Scotland.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 393.

**Staynton Assessments.** [68*d*] Uppon open heareinge of the differences dependinge betweene the inhabitantes of the par. of Staynton and George Wilson of Woolfleete about the payment of their constable layes, forasmuch as parte of the landes in the possession and occupacon of the said George Wilson is in the par. of Stayneton and other parte in the par. of Tickhill, and the said George refuseth to pay such layes for his Maties service as are legally ymposed uppon him, althoughe yt appeareth uppon oath unto this Court that the taxes hath bene formerly payd to them of Stainton, and also soe decreed

before his Mat<sup>ties</sup> Right Ho<sup>ble</sup> Councell established in the North, and that these assessmentes ought to be paide to Staynton, ORDERED that the said George shall not onelye paye all such arreares of assessmentes as are due for the said land, but shall contynue and paye all such other layes as shall be ymposed uppon him hereafter without any further delay.

**Expedition to Scotland.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 393.

**Expedition to Scotland.**—Whereas John Lambe, gent., one of the high constables of the wappentacke of Osgodcrosse, hath delivered into this Court a particuler accompt that he hath disbursed in settinge forward the light horse for that wappentacke and other services the summe of *iiij<sup>li</sup>. xs.* for this last expedicon for Scotland, which is areare and unpaid unto him, ORDERED that the same shall be rated and assessed uppon the said wappentack, and collected and repaide unto him the said Mr Lambe, who formerly disbursed the same.<sup>1</sup>

[*Folio 69 is missing.*]

## WAKEFEILD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 89] General Sessions held at, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, before Thomas Bland, knight, John Ramsden, k<sup>t</sup>, Geo. Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Richard Marsh, S.T.D., Conyers Darcy, esq., John Kay, esq., John Farrer, esq., Thomas Thornhill, esq., and Francis Nevile, esq., Justices.

**JURORS**—John Johnson, gent., Robt. Holdsworth, gent., Christ<sup>r</sup> Bowman, gent., Robt. Killingbecke, gent., Robt. Hopkinson, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Brooke, gent., Richard Pollerd, Jonas Nailer, Michaell Driver, Thomas Midgley, W<sup>m</sup> Forman, gent., Thomas Walker, sen<sup>r</sup>, John Mathey, Geo. Thornton, and James Nailer.

**WHO PRESENT**—John Harrison of Hitchington, co. Durham, laborer, and Anthony Stringer of Wakefeild, laborer, for stealing on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1639, at Crofton three shirts and three smocks, value 10s., the property of Henry Potter, gent. Witn., Ric. Simpson. (At large.)

Thomas Haslegrave and John Ashton, both of Wakefeild, laborers, for stealing on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1639, at Criglestone, two books, val. 13s. 4d., the property of Geo. Allott. Witn., Geo. Allott. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

<sup>1</sup> The only other Order made at these Sessions was for Provision for bastard child [67].



John Smyth of Wakefeild, laborer, for stealing there on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1639, "twentie yeards of carsey," value 2s. a yard, the property of Abraham Batchelor. (At Halifax, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1639, puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[89*d*] Arthur Soothill of Bramhupp, blacksmith, for stealing on 27 April, 1639, at Cookerigg, "fowerteene harrow teeth" (*bipend.*), val. 2s., the property of Richard Kirke. Witn., Rich. Kirke, Tho. Denison. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Richard Barber of Stanington,<sup>1</sup> feltmaker, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1637(-8), at Wakefeild, two hatts val. 5s., and three "pound of wooll" val. 2s. 6*d.*, the property of Thomas Clarkson. Witn., Jo. Hall, Marger. Clarkson. (At large.)

Joseph Hewitt of Stanley, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 26 April, 1639, at Lepton, Alice wife of Thomas Stanley. Witn., Alice Stanley. (At large.)

Abraham Wilkinson of Ovenden, clothier, for assaulting and maltreating on 25 June, 1639, at Halifax, Abraham Pighells. Witn., Abr. Pighells. (Confesses, fine 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 90] John Brayshaye of Hamilton,<sup>2</sup> husbandman, for assaulting there and maltreating on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, John Middleton. Witn., Eliz. Middleton. (Confesses, fine 3s. 4*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

John Helliwell of Midgley, clothier, and Samuel Sladen of Wadsworth, clothier, for assaulting and maltreating on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1639, at Hallifax, Sarah Thomas, widow. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Thomas. (Both at large. Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, fine 2s., paid Sheriff.)

Thomas Hicke of Abberford, blacksmith, for on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1638, breaking into the free warren of William Fairfax, knight, commonly called Tolston Moore,<sup>3</sup> and there taking with nets and other engines three conies which he killed and took away. Witn., Edw. Wilkinson, Jo. Smythson.

The same for at the same time and place assaulting and maltreating John Smythson. Same witnesses.

[90*d*] Thomas Barnbye, gent., Thomas Leadall, glover, and John Willan, gent., all of Selby, for there breaking into the free chase of Thomas Walmsley, esq., on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, and unlawfully chasing the deer there, killing one with a gun and taking it away. Witn., Alice Walker, Ric. Hurst. (Bound over.)

<sup>1</sup> Stannington, in the township of Bradfield and parish of Ecclesfield, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, four miles from Sheffield.

<sup>2</sup> Hambleton, in the parish of Brayton.

<sup>3</sup> Towlston, in the township and parish of Newton Kyme, wapentake of Barkston Ash, three miles from Tadcaster.

Thomas Thomson of Batley, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 12 March, 1638(-9), Margaret Bartram, wife of Nich. Bartram. Witn., Jo. Brooke, Jane Wate. (Confesses, fine 18*d*.)

Richard Beckett of Stanley, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1639, James Hall. Witn., James Hall, Jo. Siddell. (At large. Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 2*s*. 6*d*.)

Jonathan Lumb of Skircoate, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, at Wakefeild, Elizabeth Moulson. Witn., Eliz. Moulson. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 91] John Ouldfeild of Hallifax, laborer, for assaulting there and maltreating on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, Isaac Ingham. Witn., Isaac Ingham. (At large. Appeared, fine taxed at 2*s*., at Halifax, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1639.)

John Atkinson of Bradford, tanner, and Alice his wife, for unlawfully taking there on 30 June, 1639, a swarm of bees, value 10*s*., the property of someone unknown. Witn., Jo. Hopkinson, Jo. Walker. (At large. Confesses, 18<sup>th</sup> July, at Wakefeild, fine is taxed at 3*s*. 4*d*.)

Rennye Tripier of Almanbury, mercer, for taking there on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1639, a pound of tobacco (*necotiani*), value 6*s*., the property of Thomas Brooke. Witn., John Hepworth. (At large. Confesses, fine is taxed at 12*d*., paid Sheriff.)

Daniel Allen of Wakefeild, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1639, Merriam Ingle, widow. Witn., Merriam Ingle. (At large.)

Thomas Morrett, yeoman, and Richard Morrett, husbandman, both of Thorpp, for on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1639, having newly erected and maintained a cottage for the habitation of one George Middleton, without assigning to it 4 acres of land to be continuously occupied therewith. (Both at large.)

[91*d*] James Crosland of Ryall,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, Mary his wife, and Mary Crosland, his daughter, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1638, Lionel Mattericke. Witn., Lionel Mettericke. (At large.)

That the king's highway between the towns of Whitkirke and Secroft, in a lane there commonly called Allershaw Lane, is in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Whitkirk ought to repair the same before the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. next under a penalty of £20. Witn., Charles Procter, clerk. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

<sup>1</sup> Ryhill (?), in the parish of Wragby, wapentake of Staincross, Liberty of Pontefract, six miles from Wakefield.



Thomas Thompson of Batley, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 12 March, 1638(-9), Nicholas Bartram. Witn., Ja. Wayte, Nich. Bartram. (Confesses, fine 12*d*.)

[fol. 92] At the above General Sessions, held at Wakefeild 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, came before the same Justices and Jurors the inhabitants of the parish of Whitkirke, in their own persons, and said that they were not guilty and therewith put themselves on the country. And John Lund, gent., followed for the King. Therefore a Jury came before the Justices at the General Quarter Sessions held at Wakefeild on Thursday, the 16 January, 1639(-40), before William Saville, bart, John Saville, knight, and their fellow Justices, and said upon oath that the aforesaid inhabitants of the parish of Whitkirke were not guilty regarding the premises.

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 70] **Carleton hamlet and Chas. Jackson.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 393.

**Rothwell assessment.** Upon oppen hearinge of the differences dependinge betwene the inhabitantes of the constablerye of Rothwell and Alexander Metcalfe of Leedes, in the presence of both parties, forasmuch as it appeareth uppon the oath of Abraham Butterfeild, deputie constable of Rothwell, that he occupieth and enjoyeth a farme in Rothwell haye which hath bene usually assessed att a single laye five pence for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service for the space of thirtie yeares last, which summe he nowe refuseth to pay, and is arreare unto the said constable the summe of ten shillings, ORDERED that the said Alexander shall forthwith pay the said summe of xs. unto the said constable, beinge arreare as aforesaid, or els uppon complaint made to any of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace he to be taken bound to answeare his contempt the next sessions.

**Rothwell parish, certificate as to Poor.** [70*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 394.

**Settlement.** [fol. 71] Whereas George Thompson, beinge borne in the par. of Whitchurch and lived there all his life till nowe of late that he came into the par. of Leedes, and hath bene there disturbed and severall tymes sent back, the churchwardens and overseers for the poore of the par. of Leeds feareinge that the said Thompson, his wife and children, should become chargeable to the said parish of Leedes, have complained to this court, and uppon a full heareinge and examynacon of the busines in open Court uppon oath, It is ORDERED that the said Thompson, his wife and children, shall be sent

back againe to the par. of Whitchurch, and be there settled accordinge to lawe, and if the churchwardens and overseers for Whitchurch shall refuse to receive him then the next justice of peace is desired to take them bound to answer their contempt att the next generall quarter sessions to be holden for this division, and a warrant is hereby graunted for that purpose uppon their refusall as aforesaid.

**Apprentice, and Women to be settled with their husbands.**

Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 394.

**Maintenance of Poor.** [71*d*] Uppon the peticon of Joseph Jessopp of the parish of Kirkburton, who complayneth that he is able [*sic*] to provyde for himself, his wife, and one childe without the assistance of the parishioners, insoemuch that if some course be not taken for their releefe herein they cannot subsist, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish shall not onelye allowe such maynetaynance unto the said peticoner as is convenient, but alsoe furthwith build a house uppon the waste with consent of the lord of the mannor, or els place him in somme convenient cottage within the said parish.

**Constable's arrears.** Forasmuch as Christopher Addams, gent., one of the high constables within the wappentacke of Barkeston, informed this Court that one [George *written above* John *struck out*] Walker, late constable of Munckfriston, in the said wappentacke, is behynde and arreare unto him the summe of five poundes two shillings and sixpence, beinge charged uppon that towneshipp for the repayre of bridges, the releefe of lame soldiers, and other assessmentes for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, and that it is not certaynely knowne to him whether the said Walker have collected and gathered the said moneyes of the inhabitantes there or noe, he beinge nowe poore and not able to pay such a summe, ORDERED that the now constable of Munckfriston shall forthwith assesse the said moneyes uppon the inhabitantes and collect and gather the same, and pay it over unto the said Mr. Addams, who hath formerlye disbursed the same, and the said inhabitantes are att libertie to take their course against the said Walker uppon his accompt.

**Settlement.** Forasmuch as this court is informed uppon the behalfe of the inhabitantes of Barkisland that one Edmund Bothomley is desirous to come amongst them, beinge verie like to be chargeable unto them, the said Bothomley beinge last settled in Goultcart [*sic*], ORDERED that the said Bothomley shall be settled att Goulcarre, and there provyded for if his necessities shall soe require.



**Maintenance of Poor.** [fol. 72] Forasmuch as this court is informed, for and uppon the behalfe of Roberte Wood of Quarmebye, within the parish of Huthersfeild, that he and his wife hath bene settled there by the space of eleaven yeares, and nowe beinge fallen into great want and necessitie and destitute of harbour and houseroome, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Quarmbye shall, with the consent of the lord of the mannor, erect and build a house uppon the waste there for the habitacon and harbour of him the said Roberte.

**Thurstonland, carriages for the King's Service, Stayneland, [72d] Sowerby, assessments for His Majestie's service, and [fol. 73] Setting forward Light Horse.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 395.

**Bramham assessments.** [73d] Whereas divers differences have bene dependinge betwixt the churchwardens and overseers of the towneshipp of Bramham about makeinge their layes and assessmentes, insoemuch that the poore of the said towne doe suffer and are much dampnified thereby, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the said towne forthwith and uppon receipt hereof make such assessmentes and layes as hath formerly bene made towards the releefe of the said poore, as the lawe in that case appointeth, provided that the said layes and assessmentes be approved by Richard Gascoigne, esq., or somme of his Maties justices of peace, both to confirme the said assessment and also certifie this court of their proceedings herein, not onely for the poore but all other layes and assessmentes, both for kirke and kinge, and the viccar of Bramham aforesaid not to be exempted.

**Money due to ex-churchwarden.** Whereas Thomas Garnett of Thornes informed this Court, that in the tyme of his office, beinge late churchwarden in Alverthorpe and Thornes, he disbursed severall sommes of moneys for the said inhabitantes amountinge unto the summe of *iiijl. iijs. jd.*, which appeared to be true uppon his accompt before Sir John Savile, knt., and hath not received the same againe, but is arreare and out of purse that summe, ORDERED that the nowe churchwardens there shall examyne the premisses, and if they finde the same to be arreare and unpaid unto him, then they forthwith to pay the same unto the said Thomas.

**Adle and Eccop assessments.** Forasmuch as there [*sic*] differences dependinge betwene the inhabitantes of the parish of Adle and Eccop and Thomas Blackwood of Hallifax, yeom., the said Thomas Blackwood pretendinge that he is oppressed in

his layes and assessmentes for the landes he hath in that constablerye of Adle and Eccopp, beinge assessed for that landes out of all order and proporcon twice as much more att a laye or assessment as he that hath landes worth fiftie, sixtie, or a hundred poundes and above per annum, his landes beinge about the vallue of xlii. per annum, THIS COURT DOTHE THEREFORE ENTREAT Ingram Hopton, esq., Henrye Arthington, esq., and Roberte Hitch, clerke, or any two of them to examyne the differences amongst them att such convenient tyme as they please, soe that both the said parties have notice thereof, and certifie theire opinion unto this Court in the premisses att the next sessions to be holden for this division, and then further order to be taken therein.<sup>1</sup>

[*Folio 74 is missing.*]

### HALLIFAX.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 93] General Sessions held at, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1639, before William Savile, bar<sup>t</sup>, John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>, John Kay, esq., John Farrer, esq., and Thomas Thornhill, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Richard Law, gent., James Oates, jun<sup>r</sup>, gent., Henry Murgatroide, gent., Isaac Nailer, gent., Samuel Hoile, gent., James Robinson, Abraham Crowther, Edward Brooke, Henry Holdsworth, Brian Lister, William Rogerson, Nicholas Wilkinson, William Stevenson, Michael Ramsden, William Greenwood, Robert Leach, and John Crabtree.

WHO PRESENT—Michael Towneend of Hallifax, husbandman, for stealing on 18 Sep., 1639, at Ovenden, a linen apron, value 10*d.*, the property of Michael Boyes. Witn., Mary Boyes. (Puts himself, guilty to 2*d.*, no chattels.)

Henry Greaves of Wentworth, yeoman, George Liddall of Dewsburie, laborer, and John Hartley of Hallifax, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating at Ovenden on 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug., 1639, Richard Wormall. Witn., Rich. Wormall. (Each of them confesses the indictment at Wakefeild, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), and the fine of each is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*)

[93*d*] Thomas Cosin of Bramley, blacksmith, for perjury on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug., 1639, at York Castle, before Edward Hendon, k<sup>t</sup>, one of the King's Barons of Exchequer and Judges of Assize, when being a witness produced by one Henry Dickinson in a cause then pending between the said Henry Dickinson as

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Cottages [72*d*, 73], Maintenance of bastard child [73], and Settlement [72*d*].



defendant at the suit of Henry Sikes, plaintiff, in a plea of debt on demand of £6, he voluntarily and corruptly swore and said "That the defendant (Henry Dickinson) the first of September was twelve month paid to the plaintiff (Henry Sikes) £5, part of the debt of £6 in question, and that he was not examined or sworne in a former tryall brought downe and tryed for that debt att an Assizes formerly houlden for the said County of Yorke," whereas in truth and in fact the said Henry Dickinson never paid or caused to be paid that sum, or indeed one penny, in part or whole satisfaction of the said debt of £6, and on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1638, at the Assizes held at York Castle before George Vernon, k<sup>t</sup>, one of the King's Justices of the King's Bench and of Assize, when being sworn and examined in the above cause, he made oath and said "That the defendant (Henry Dickinson) had paide unto the plaintiff the sum of 40s. in satisfaction of the debt of £6 in question." And so on the said 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1639, at York Castle before the said Edward Hendon, k<sup>t</sup>, he voluntarily and corruptly committed perjury against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Hen. Sikes, Symeon Bower. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 94] Richard Jowett, John Jowett, and William Jowett, all of Bradford, laborers, and John Jowett of Boulton, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating at Bradford on 5 Sept., 1639, Richard Preston, constable of Bradford. Witn., Rich. Preston. (All at large. Richard confesses, fine 2s. 6d.)

Cecily Stockes, wife of Edward Stockes of Hallifax, laborer, for on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1638(-9), and on divers other days both before and since, at Hallifax, obtaining, buying, and regrating with the intention of selling four measures of cockles and mussels, and three fishes called "skate fishe," value 25s. 6d., and afterwards reselling them to divers liege subjects of the King, to the great damage and hurt of the people, and against the form of the Statute,<sup>1</sup> etc. Witn., Tho. Radclyf, Jo. Gibson, Dan. Gibson, Tho. Lee, W<sup>m</sup> Thomas. (Puts herself.)

William Myers of Carleton, blacksmith, for on the 30<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, unlawfully entering the dwelling house of one John Clarke at Armley, and taking away these parcels, viz., "a brasse pott, a mortar, two drippen panns, a broiling iron,<sup>2</sup> a pewther dubler, and one paire of pot kilpes,"<sup>3</sup> value altogether 30s., the goods of the said John Clarke. Witn., Jo. Clarke, Tho. Clarke. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> See Statute 5 Edw. VI, c. 14, against forestallers and regraters.

<sup>2</sup> A kind of Dutch oven (*N.E.D.*).

<sup>3</sup> Pothooks (*Halliwell*).

[94*d*] That the inhabitants of Bramley sufficiently repair the King's highway lying between Stanningley greene and a bridge called Kirkstall Bridge, which is now in great decay, before the 2<sup>nd</sup> February next, under a penalty of £10. (Respited until the feast of S<sup>t</sup> Michael next.)

That the inhabitants of Headingley sufficiently repair the King's highway lying between Headingley and the town of Shadwell, now in great decay, before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. next, under a penalty of £5.

That the inhabitants of Chappell Allerton sufficiently repair the King's highway lying beyond a bridge called [*blank*] Bridge, as far as the town of Shadwell, before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. next, under a penalty of £10.

That the inhabitants of Brighouse sufficiently fill up a pit dug in the King's highway between the towns of Wakefeild and Hallifax, before the next General Sessions, under a penalty of £40. By John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>.

That the inhabitants of the parish of Thornhill sufficiently repair the King's highway between the town of Emley and the market town of Wakefeild in a place there near Cock mill in Flocton, which is now in great decay, before the next General Sessions, under a penalty of £20. By John Kay, esq. (Respited until the Sessions after the feast of S<sup>t</sup> Thomas the Martyr.)

[*Folio 95 is blank.*]

### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 75] **Expedition to Scotland, Rastrick soldier, and Brotherton.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 396.

**Cowper bridge.**<sup>1</sup> Whereas Sir John Savile, knt., John Kay, esq., and others, his Mat<sup>ies</sup> justices of peace here assembled, haveinge veiued the worke att Cowper *als.* Cowford bridge, doe certifie this Court howe well and sufficiently the same is performed by the workmen there, and that they conceive the summes formerly allowed for that worke is not sufficient, ORDERED that the summe of xv*li*. xs. shall be estreated upon this W.R., and collected by the severall high constables there, and paid over unto the said workemen, beinge over and [above the] somme which remayneth in the handes of the above-named Sir John Savile.

[75*d*] **Morley Sheriff Tourne Court and Conveyance of the King's Householde.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 396.

**Alehouse.** For that itt is informed that Roberte Thompson of Calverley keepeth a disordered alehouse and brueth without

<sup>1</sup> Cooper Bridge, near Bradley.



licence contrarye to the Statute, ORDERED that a warrant be awarded against him to take [him] bound to answer the premisses the next sessions, and in the meane tyme he is discharged from brueinge or sellinge ale and beare.

**Poore Old Soldier.** [fol. 76] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 396.

**Disorderly person.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed of divers misdemeanors comitted by one Henry Smith of Calverley, beinge a verie turbulent and troubl(lesome) person, ORDERED that a warrant *pro se bene se gerend.* be awarded against him to answer att the next sessions for this W.R.

**Apprentice.** Uppon hearinge the allegacons made by William Barrond of Bradford for and uppon the behalfe of William Hardye, a poore youth, late apprentice unto John Wright of Manningham, forasmuch as he the said Barrond hath sufficiently certified this Court that the said Hardye is blynde and utterly disabled and unfitt for service hereafter, ORDERED that he the said William Hardye shall stand discharged of his apprentishipp, and be att libertie either to provyde for himselfe, or to be provyded for by his frendes, or otherwise, as he possibly can.

**Henry Calverley, esq.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 396.

**Wadsworth Assessment.** [76*d*] Forasmuch as Richard Eastwood of Wadesworth informeth this Court that he is over assessed in the constable laye the somme of two shillinges, which is conceived onely to be a mistake in the clerke in writinge the said assessment, as somme of the assessors have informed him, ORDERED that James Harwood, constable there, John Greenwood, the writer of the said assessment, and Henry Cockrofte, John Banister, Abraham Stansfeild, John Greenwood, Richard Wadsworth, and Edmund Shakleton, beinge assessors of the assessment, shall attend uppon John Farrer, esq., one of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, who is desired to examyne the said difference, and doe therein as he shall thinke fittinge.

**Wakefield parish and Poore soldier.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 397.

**Sowerby Assessments.** [fol. 77] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 397.<sup>1</sup>

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#### KNARESBROUGHE.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 96] General Sessions held by adjournment at, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1639, before Ferdinando Fairfax, knight, Henry Goodricke, k<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Mauleverer, esq., and George Marwood, esq., Justices.

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Maintenance of bastard child [75*d*, 77*d*].

JURORS—Richard Parker, gent., William Pulleyne, gent., Thomas Ward, gent., Henry Peele, W<sup>m</sup> Stevenson, W<sup>m</sup> Mann, Richard Browne, John Pudsey, Mathew Wood, John Buktroute, John Procter, W<sup>m</sup> Gill, Robert Ellis, Thomas Skaife, and Richard Hill.

WHO PRESENT—William Colton of Setle, laborer, W<sup>m</sup> Bradley of the parish of Clapham, laborer, Thomas Tennant of the same, laborer, and Isabel Litherland of the parish aforesaid, widow, for breaking into the dwelling house of Thomas Lawson at Lawkeland on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1638, and there assaulting and maltreating him. Witn., Tho. Lawson, Rich. Watson. (All at large. At Wetherby, 14 January, 1639(-40), they confess the indictment, and their fine is taxed at 3s. 4d., paid Sheriff.)

William Barber of Clint, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 5 June, 1639, Nicholas Yeoman. Witn., N. Yeoman, W<sup>m</sup> Wheelehouse. (At large. Puts himself, fine 2s. 6d., paid Sheriff.)

[96d] Jane Barker of Nun munckton, laborer, for stealing there on 1 Oct., 1639, a goose, value 10d., the property of Henry Spinke. Witn., Hen. Spinke. (Confesses, fine 2d.)

Peter Lund of Thorp Underwood, yeoman, that he sufficiently repair and amend a certain piece of a "hawe" (?) fence in a parcel of land called the Ridding, in Thorp, as of old he was accustomed and ought to do, under a penalty of £3 6s. 8d. Witn., Tho. Mann. (Puts himself, confesses, fine 12d., paid Sheriff.)

That the common bridge called Borrowbridge is in great decay for lack of repair; and that the inhabitants of the West Riding ought to repair the same bridge. Witn., Cha. Catton.

Richard Helme of Leeds, clothier, for perjury on 4<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1639, at York Castle, at the Assizes held there before Edward Henden, knight, one of the King's Barons of Exchequer and Justices of Assize, when being a witness produced and sworn on the holy gospels in a matter then pending between John Shafto, plaintiff, and Seeth Lofthouse and George Lofthouse, defts, in a plea of trespass and assault, he falsely and corruptly swore and said "That Seeth Lofthouse and George Lofthouse did both of them beat the saide John Shaftoe," whereas in truth and in fact they never did so beat him as deposed. (At large. Puts himself.)

[fol. 97] Richard Day of Wetherby, laborer, for perjury on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1639, at the Assizes at York Castle, when being a witness produced in the above matter, he falsely and corruptly swore and said "That Seeth Lofthouse bett y<sup>e</sup> plaintiff



(meaning John Shaftoe), and jowled him against the bridge side (meaning a bridge commonly called Wetherby bridge), and trode him under his horse feete ; and that George Lofthouse was twelve score before, and came backe to helpe to beate him, soe that he y<sup>e</sup> saide Shaftoe was seaven daies sicke " ; whereas in truth and fact the said Seeth Lofthouse and George Lofthouse never beat the said John Shaftoe, as the same Richard Day falsely deposed. (Exonerated by order of Baron Henden, one of the Justices of Assize.)

That the King's highway within the parish of Harteshead and township of Clifton, between a bridge called Thornhill bridge and a place called Short heath, is now in great decay for lack of repair, And that the inhabitants there ought to repair the same way. Therefore a penalty of £10 is laid upon the inhabitants that they sufficiently repair the same before Martinmas next. (Appeared, and exonerated by certificate.)

That a common bridge called Thornhill Bridge is now in great decay for lack of repair, And that the inhabitants of the townships of Hipperholme and Clifton ought to repair the same. Therefore a penalty of £10 is laid upon the inhabitants to sufficiently repair the same before the 2<sup>nd</sup> February next. (On certificate remaining in Court the penalty is exonerated.)

That the inhabitants of Southowram sufficiently repair and amend the King's highway between the town of Southowram and the Browfoote,<sup>1</sup> before the feast of Epiphany next, under a penalty of £10.

[97*d*] That John Lister of Ovenden sufficiently repair a way on the south west side of an incroachment at Shelfe, commonly called Wyndmill hill, before Martinmas next, under a penalty of £10. (On certificate remaining in Court the penalty is exonerated at Wakefeild, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1639(-40).)

That the inhabitants of Northowram sufficiently repair and amend the King's way called the Hough, lying between Goodley Bridge and the Hough head, which is now in great decay, before Epiphany next, under a penalty of £10.

That Hugh Berry, Nicholas Stainclyffe, and Joseph Furnes sufficiently repair and amend the King's way between a place called the Paile Nicke<sup>2</sup> and a stream of water called Shipden Brooke at Shipden, before Epiphany next, under a penalty of £10.

That the inhabitants of Hipperholme sufficiently repair the King's highway between a stream of water called Place Brooke and a bridge called Bailie brigg, before Epiphany next, under

<sup>1</sup> ? Brookfoot.

<sup>2</sup> ? Pule Nick.

a penalty of £10. (On certificate remaining in Court the penalty is exonerated.)

That the inhabitants of Horton sufficiently repair the King's highway between Horton Banck topp and the market town of Bradford, before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. next, under a penalty of £10.

That the King's highway between the market town of Wetherby and Pontefract and within the town of Bramham, in a place there called y<sup>e</sup> hall layne, is in great ruin and decay, and in divers other places in y<sup>e</sup> said towneship, and that the inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> parish of Bramham ought to repair y<sup>e</sup> same. Witn., Richard Gascoigne, esq. (Appeared at Pontefract, 14 April, 1640, and there exonerated.)

Christopher Bowman of Bramham, yeoman, being churchwarden of that parish, for not making his Assessment for Releif of y<sup>e</sup> poor, and putting out poor children as Apprentices, according to y<sup>e</sup> Statute. Witn., R. G. (Appeared and exonerated as above.)

John Secker of Bramham, husbandman, being late constable there, and the late churchwarden, Chris<sup>r</sup> Bowman, for not, upon Monday and Tuesday in Easter week, appointing 6 days for the repairing and amending of their highways, according to the Statute. Witn., Rich. G. (Appeared and exonerated as above.)

### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 78<sup>d</sup>] **Cononley neue improved land.**  
Printed in Y.A.J., v, 397.

**Hewick bridge.** Uppon informacon geven unto this Court of the great decay of Hewicke bridge, which bridge is in the booke of bridges to be repaired att the charge of the whole W.R., ORDERED that the summe of xli. shall be estreated uppon this W.R., and collected by the severall high constables there, and paid over unto William Mallorye, esq., one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, who is desired by this Court to see the same ymployed for and towards the repairinge of the said bridge.

**Burrowe bridge.** [fol. 79] Whereas the graund inquest for our soveraigne lord the Kinge have presented the great decay and ruyne of the bridge comonly called Burrowe bridge, and that the same ought to be repaired by the said W.R., and that the summe of five poundes will for the present stay the further decay thereof, ORDERED that the said summe shall be estreated uppon the said W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto [blank] Tankard, esq.,



who is desired by this Court to see the same bestowed upon the said worke.

**Little Ribston, teame for King's carriages, and Caitiffe childe.** [fol. 79*d*] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 398.

**Scotton assessments.** Forasmuch as John Skelton, late constable of Scotton, informeth this Court that Adam Preston, Roberte Foster, John Cowper, William Burton, and William Thorpe are arreare and have not paid unto him theire layes and assessmentes, rated and imposed upon them by th'inhabitantes there, soe that he hath disbursed and is out of purse the summe of xxiijs., or thereaboutes, and for that the said Adam Preston, Robert Foster, and the rest alledge that they are not ratably assessed, and therefore ought not to pay the said moneys soe imposed upon them, THIS COURT DOTH THEREFORE ENTREAT Mr. Robert Cundall, viccar of Farneham, Walter Bucle, and Henry Middleton to examyne the trueth of the premisses, and to reconcile the differences if they cann, if not to certifie theire opinions unto this Court, and then further order will be taken therein, and this order is to extend both to the nowe constable there and the said John Skelton.

**Skuden bridge.** [fol. 80] Forasmuch as th'inhabitantes of the wappentacke of Staynecliffe and Ewcrosse have peticoned and informed this Court that there was formerly the summe of threescore poundes allowed for the buildinge of a bridge within that wappentacke, comonly called Skuden bridge,<sup>1</sup> which worke is not yett finished because that summe is not sufficient to finish it, and therefore they desired that a further summe might be allowed, ITT IS THEREFORE ENTREATED BY THIS COURT that William White and Edward Parker, esquiers, two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, will examyne the premisses, and make certificate unto this Court what summe they thinke fitt to be further allowed, and the same to be graunted accordingly.

**Soldier in this last Expedition into the North, and [80*d*] Greenhammerton.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 398.<sup>2</sup>

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#### DONCASTER.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 98] General Sessions held at, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1639, before the Very Noble William, Lord Critchton, Thomas Wentworth, knight, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>,

<sup>1</sup> ? Skirden bridge.

<sup>2</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Cottage [79*d*] and Relief of Poor [80].

John Reresbye, esq., W<sup>m</sup> West, esq., Robert Rockley, esq., and John Mauliverer, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Robert Wilbore, gent., Thomas Burton, gent., Robert Elwes, gent., John Micklethwaite, sen<sup>r</sup>, gent., Robt. Beamond, jun<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Doughtie, gent., Robt. Hunter, W<sup>m</sup> Byningley, Thomas Gressam, Ralph Milner, Christ<sup>r</sup> Milner, Martin Crosby, Robt. Wood, Henry Ellis, and W<sup>m</sup> Rooke.

WHO PRESENT—Jane, wife of John Hall of Rotheram, cobbler, for stealing there on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1639, a bible, value 5s., the property of Francis Lee. Witn., Fr. Lee, Jo. Bawer. (At large. Puts herself, guilty, no chattels.)

Robert Ward, sen<sup>r</sup>, of Bradfeild, yeoman, for on the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1639, having there contemptuously refused to permit one Thomas Revell, then constable of Bradfeild, to search in his house by virtue of a warrant from Robert Rockley, esq., one of the Justices, for one Richard Hall, indicted for unlawfully hunting in the park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., and for arresting Elizabeth wife of the said Robert Ward. Witn., Tho. Revell. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[98d] Edward Thompson of Rotheram, blacksmith, for unlawfully entering at night on 1 Oct., 1639, and at divers other times before and after, the dwelling house of Thomas Cocks. Witn., Tho. Arderne, Rob. Dicconson. (Puts himself.)

Richard Walkwood of Doncaster, yeoman, for that having, on the 12<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1638, lent to one W<sup>m</sup> Occarbie at Bentley £5 for a year, he did on the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1639, unjustly take from him 25s. by way of gain for deferring payment, which sum much exceeded the rate of 8 per cent. per ann. Witn., Rich<sup>d</sup> Glew, W<sup>m</sup> Wilkinson, W<sup>m</sup> Occarbie. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

James Trimmingham of Sikehouse, carpenter, and Elizabeth his wife, for taking and driving away a "swyne," value 15s., the property of John Wilson. Witn., Jo. Wilson, Hen. Ellis, Tho. Nailor. (Put themselves, guilty, fine 5s. each, paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 99] Thomas Baiteson of Woodsetts, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 26 Sept., 1639, Nicholas Wright. Witn., Humfrey Liversedge, Nich. Wright. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, the fine is taxed at 20s.)

Thomas Beale of Marsbrough, pedlar, for on the 27<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1639, contemptuously saying there, concerning Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., and Robert Rockley, esq., both Justices, that "he cared not a f . . t for S<sup>r</sup> Francis Wortley, and that he would neither goe before him nor M<sup>r</sup> Rockley." Witn., Tho. Hall. (Confesses, the fine is taxed at 5s., paid Sheriff.)

Walter Hurt of Bradfeild, yeoman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1639, contemptuously saying there, concerning the same



Francis Wortley, these scandalous and opprobrious words, viz., "I care not a f . . t for Sr Francis his warrants." Witn., Rich. Bacon. (Puts himself, guilty, fine 40s., paid Sheriff.)

[99*d*] Roger Hodgson of Womersley, laborer, for unlawfully taking there and carrying away on 1 July, 1639, a grinding stone, value 2s. 6*d.*, the property of Thomas Smith. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Smith. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 3s., paid Sheriff.)

Thomas Chantrie of Barnby Dunn, husbandman, Richard Parkin of Fishlake, yeoman, W<sup>m</sup> Smith of the same, "cowper," and Peter Teale of the same, laborer, for on 1 Oct., 1639, entering a dwelling house at Barnby Dunn in the peaceful possession of John Jenkinson, forcibly expelling him therefrom, and keeping him out of possession from then until now. Witn., Jo. Jenkinson, Mich. Dalbye. (All at large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

W<sup>m</sup> Sands of Sheffield, blacksmith, for on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1638, breaking into the orchard there of Thomas Wood, and taking away a peck of apples, value 10*d.*, his property. Witn., Tho. Wood, Tho. Shoker. (Puts himself, guilty, fine 2s., paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 100] W<sup>m</sup> Innocent of Bawtrie, laborer, for on the 31<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), at Austerfeild, in a place there called Brancroft close, assaulting Anne, the wife of Francis Hepworth, and taking away a black mare, value 40s., the property of the said Francis. Witn., Anne Hepworth. (At large.)

Margaret, wife of Thomas Wood of Sheffield, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 5 Oct., 1639, William Sands. Witn., Wm. Sandes, Ric. Slacke. (Puts herself, not guilty.)

George Linley of Letwell,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, and Jennet Linley of the same, widow, for on the 12 March, 1638(-9), obstructing and enclosing a common way at Letwell, in a place there called the Low feild, so that the inhabitants could not pass by that way. Witn., Rob. Burton. (Both at large.)

Thomas Marris of South Elmsall, gent., for on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1639, obstructing and enclosing a common way there leading between South Elmsall and Claton, in a place called the Crofts, near to South Elmsall. Witn., Tho. Dey. (At large.)

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#### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 82] **Woodsett, Kirk Anston, "Adle a livinge."** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 399.

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of St. John's, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, Liberties of St. Peter and Tickhill, 5½ miles from Tickhill and Worksop.

**Relief of poor.** Uppon perusall of a former order made by this Court in a difference dependinge betwene the inhabitantes of Kirksandall and Trumfleet, a hamlett of the said parish of Kirksandall, about the provydinge for and releevinge of the poore within that parish, forasmuch as the said inhabitantes of Trumfleet doe alledge that the [*sic*] have an ancient custome to provyde for and maynetayne the poore of their owne towne, and soe are discharged from payeing any contribucon or releevinge the rest of the poore within that parish, which is opposed by the rest of that parish of Kirksandall, who are desireous that their poore may be releived out of a generall assessment through their said parish, as by lawe they ought, THIS COURT doth geve tyme unto the said inhabitantes of Trumfleet untill the next sessions to be holden for this W.R., att which tyme if the inhabitantes doe not prove and make good their said custome, then they to pay all such assessmentes as they are behynde unto the said inhabitantes of Kirksandall, together with their chardges expended.

**Laurence Waterhouse** of the parish of Treeton. Order for the provision of a convenient and necessarie habitacon by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore in the parish of Treeton.

**Gargrave bridge.** [82*d*] Uppon consideracon taken by this Court of the necessitie of a bridge to be newe built att Gargrave over the river of Ayre, and for that somme parte of the moneyes allowed for the repaire thereof is alreadye collected and levyed uppon the said W.R., and the rest of the moneyes to be collected and levyed uppon the said W.R. was stayed, because it was conceived that the said W.R. ought not to be charged with the repaire thereof, and forasmuch as certificate is made unto this Court that the justices of peace within the other divisions of this W.R. have allowed and condiscended that the said bridge shall be repaired att the generall charge of the said W.R., and for that the worke beinge nowe halfe finished will not permitt to stay the levyinge of the moneyes untill the next sessions to be holden after Easter, ORDERED that the summe of clxxxx*li*., beinge the remaynder of a greater summe allowed unto that worke, shall be estreated uppon this W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto the surveiors, formerly appointed to oversee the worke, to be ymployed accordingly, but it is thought fitt and soe ordered by his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace here assembled that this order shall not bynde the said inhabitantes of the whole W.R. to repaire the said bridge hereafter, but that it shall be repaired by the charge of the wappentake only.



**Money due to late Constable.** Forasmuch as William Doughtie, late constable of Balne, peticoned this Court and informed that he hath disbursed and is in arreare in the execucon of his office the summe of [*blank*], which is denyed to be paid unto him, beinge nowe out of his office, although he often desired an assessment should be made of that moneyes whilst he contynued constable of that towneshipp, ORDERED that the nowe constable of Balne shall cause an assessment to be made uppon the said inhabitantes forthwith, and collect and gather the same, and pay over the said summe of [*blank*] unto the said William Doughtie, who formerly disbursed the same.

**Ferribriggs highway, cripples, etc.** [fol. 83] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 399.

**Overseer's Accounts.** [83*d*] Forasmuch as Thomas Stephenson of Whitguifte, gent., stood bound over unto this sessions by recognisance for his makeinge an unjust accompt of such moneyes as he received and collected for the use of the poore, beinge one of the overseers in that parish, and for that it appeareth that the differences dependinge betweene the said Thomas Stephenson and other the inhabitantes of that parish about the said accompte dependes uppon many severall particulers, THIS COURT doth therefore entreat John Reresby and William West, esquiers, two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, to examyne the said differences, and conceive such order therein as they shall thinke fittinge, and for that end the said Mr. Reresby and Mr. West have appointed Tuesday seaven night next, att which tyme both the said parties are to attend att Thriberghe [*sic*], att Mr. Reresbye's house.

**Mayor's prison at Pontefract.** Printed in Y.A.J., v, 399.

**Maltby assessment.** Forasmuch as Nicholas Saunderson of Ewe, in the constablerye of Maltby, hath peticoned and informed this Court that he is unreasonably and unequally assessed in his assessmentes and constable layes within the parish and constablerye of Maltby, and is willinge and readie to be assessed equally with his neigbours of his estate and degree, THIS COURT doth therefore entreat William West, esq., and John Mauliverer, esq., two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, to examyne the differences, and conceive such order therein, as they shall finde cause, for the setlinge of the said differences hereafter.

**Anne Hullam.** [fol. 84] Order to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Harthill to provide a convenient habitation.

**Settlement.** Uppon heareinge and examyninge the differences dependinge about the setling and provydinge for of George

Hall, who is lately comed into the parish of Cawthorne, and endeavoreth to settle himselfe there, beinge likely to be a charge unto the inhabitantes of Cawthorne, and for that it appeareth unto this Court that the said George Hall had his last settlinge and abode in the parish of Ecclesfeild, and ought by lawe to be there settled, which was formerly ordered and adjudged by this Court, and yet the said Hall wilfully refused to conforme himselfe unto the said order, ORDERED that the nowe churchwardens and overseers of Cawthorne shall convey and remaund the said Hall unto Ecclesfeild, and there deliver him unto the churchwardens and overseers of that parish, there to be settled and provyded for, if his necessities shall soe require, and if the said churchwardens and overseers shall refuse to performe the contentes hereof, then they to be taken bound to appeare att the next sessions to be holden for this W.R., there to answeere the premisses, and if the said George Hall shall refuse to conforme himselfe unto the contentes of this order, then he the said Hall to stand comitted unto the house of correcon untill he shall willingly doe the same.

**Milne bridge, Bradfeild.** [84*d*] Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of Dungworth brierlawe [*sic*] in Bradfeild have informed this Court that they are charged towards the repairing of a bridge in Bradfeild called Milne bridge, which they are not chargeable with by lawe, and that they desire they may be admitted to their traverse for to dischardge themselves thereof, ORDERED that the moneys they are charged with be paid in Court, and tyme is geven unto them untill the next Sessions to be holden for this W.R., then and there to prosecute their traverse, as they desire, and if they doe discharge themselves uppon that traverse, then the moneys by them disbursed is to be restored.

**Detayninge of a hoggeswyne.** [fol. 85] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 399.

**Barnsley assessment.** Forasmuch as Anne Buckley of Barnesley, widdowe, peticoned and informed this Court that shee haveinge certaine landes in Barnesley, which is in the tenure and occupacon of her tennantes, there hath bene of late divers constable layes made by the assessors there, wherein shee and her tennantes are assessed for those landes contrarye to all lawe and equitie, THIS COURT, takeinge consideracon of the premisses, doe order that the said Anne Buckley shall not hereafter be assessed for those landes which her tennantes doth occupye and enjoye, but onely for such landes as shee keepeth in her owne possession and occupacon.



**Milne bridge, Bradfeild.** Uppon heareinge of the allegacons of the inhabitantes within the parish of Bradfeild about the repaireinge of a bridge called Milnebridge, ORDERED by consent of all parties that the said bridge shall be repaired att the charge of those who are enjoined by order of this Court the last Sessions holden for this W.R., and the moneyes which is deposited and allowed for the repaire is to be restored to the parties who disbursed the same.<sup>1</sup>

[*Folio 85d is blank.*]

### WETHERBIE.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 101] General Sessions held at, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1639(-40), before Ferdinando Fairfax, knight, Henry Godricke, k<sup>t</sup>, W<sup>m</sup> Ingram,<sup>2</sup> k<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Mauliverer, esq., and Geo. Marwood, esq., Justices.

**JURORS**—W<sup>m</sup> Blythman of Thorpe, gent., Thomas Far-  
rand of Nesfeild, gent., Thomas Atkinson of Whixley, gent.,  
Thomas Hawkes of the same, gent., Martin Barker, yeoman,  
Thomas Smythson of [*blank*], gent., Christopher Smithson,  
yeoman, Robt. Thompson, yeoman, Francis Thackwray,  
yeom., Thomas Ward, yeom., Mathew Ward, yeoman, Richard  
Dickenson, yeom., Oswald Tailor, yeom., Mich<sup>1</sup> Howson of  
[*blank*], yeom., and John Jermine, yeom.

**WHO PRESENT**—Ambrose Cowgill of Careleton, laborer,  
for stealing there on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1639, two ewe sheep, value 10s.  
each, the property of Thomas Pearson. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Hodgshon,  
Rich. Pearson. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Hodgshon of Carleton, laborer, for breaking and  
entering between the hours of 10 and 12 at night of 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.,  
1639, and stealing "a sacke poake, a wanto,<sup>3</sup> a horse color,  
and an overley,"<sup>4</sup> value altogether 5s., the property of Ambrose  
Cowgill. Witn., Ambr. Cowgill, Jo. Browne. (Puts himself,  
guilty to 4*d.*, no chattels.)

[101*d*] Jane, wife of Richard Wilson of Knaresbrough,  
laborer, for stealing there on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, "fifteene yards of

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Maintenance of bastard child [84*d*] and Release from custody [84*d*].

<sup>2</sup> Sir William Ingram, Knt., of Cattall, would probably be son of Sir William Ingram, of York, who was of the Council of the North. He was 65 in 1665, and was buried 28 Sept., 1669, in York Minster, dying s.p. He married Catherine, daughter of Sir Edward Grevile, of Milcote, according to Dugdale's *Visitation*.—J.W.C.

<sup>3</sup> Wanty, a leather tie, or rope ; a short waggon rope (Halliwell).

<sup>4</sup> Overley, something laid as a covering over something else, a covering (N.E.D.).

hempen cloath," value 8*d.* a yard, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Cundell. Witn., Wm. Cundell. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels.)

Richard Allen of Pannell, laborer, for stealing there on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), one cheese, one pound of candles, one half peck of oatmeal, value altogether 8*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Prentice. (Confesses.) Also W<sup>m</sup> Cheldrey of the same, laborer, and Isabel Carr, wife of Cha<sup>s</sup> Carr of Pannell, laborer, for knowingly receiving and harbouring him. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Prentice.

Nicholas Yeoman of Hampsthwaite, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating at Clint on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), William Barber. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Barber, Tho. Kidd. (Puts himself, confesses, fine 12*s.*, paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 102] John Grimston of Knaresbrough, gent., for unlawfully taking and exacting there on 5 Jan., 1639(-40), 14*s.* from Thomas Browne, and 13*s.* 6*d.* from John Hawkes. Witn., Tho. Browne, Jo. Hawkes. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine is taxed at £5.)

John Halliday of Wetherbie, "tipler," for on 23 Dec., 1639, and at divers other times before and since, at Wetherbie, keeping and harbouring in his house common idle vagabonds and suspicious persons to the great disturbance of the King's liege subjects, the bad example of others, and against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Rich. Bilbrough. (Confesses, his fine is taxed at 40*s.*, and he is exonerated from . . . . . until the next Sessions.)

Stephen Atkinson of Slaydburne, husbandman, and John Harrison of the same, laborer, for on the 21 Nov., 1639, burglariously breaking into the dwelling house there of Samuel Moore, clerk, between the hours of 11 and 12 at night, with intent to rob him, putting the said Samuel Moore and all his family into bodily fear, and taking away "fower peices of beefe, two pies, and a hoggeshead of beare," value 7*s.*, his property. Witn., Sam. Moore. (Both committed to York Castle.)

[102*d*] That on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), a common bridge, called Halton bridge, within the Wapentake of Stainclyffe, over the River Rible, and leading between the City of York and the market town of Preston in Amundernesse, is now in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of the West Riding ought to repair the same. Witn., Jo. Lacie.

That on the same date the King's high way at Wetherbie, within the parish of Spofforth, and leading between the market towns of Wetherbie and Burrowbridge, is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Spofforth ought to



repair the same. Therefore a penalty of £20 is laid upon them to repair it before the 1<sup>st</sup> March next. Witn., Anto. Armistead.

A penalty of £20 is laid by Ferdinando Fairfax, knight, one of the Justices, upon the inhabitants of Burley, that they repair the King's high way in a lane called the East end of one parcel of ground called Stockbridge Inge to one "yeate" called Stockbridge yeate, containing by estimation 80 yards, before the 1<sup>st</sup> June next. (On the oath of Paul Jowett, gent., it is exonerated at Skipton 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1640.)

Also a like penalty of £20 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Ilkley that they repair the King's high way within the parish of Ilkley in a lane there called the Woodholme and Waterholme, within the township of Wheatley, and leading between the City of York and the market town of Lancaster, in co. Lancaster, before the 1<sup>st</sup> June next, on the view of Ferdinando Fairfax, knight.

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#### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 86] **Poor child.** Forasmuch as William Verrye of Wetherby informed this Court that he nowe att this present keepeth and provydeth for, and hath longe kept, a poore childe which ought to be provyded for by the inhabitantes of Wetherby, but was condiconed betwene Oswald Taylor, then overseer, to pay unto him the said Verrye iiij*d*. weekly, soe longe as he should keepe and maynetayne itt, which he did accordingly, but John Wilbore, nowe overseer, refuseth the same, and is arreare unto him the said Verrye since Easter last amountinge unto xiijs. iiij*d*., or thereabouts, ORDERED that the said John Wilbore shall forthwith pay and satisfye the said arreares unto the said William Verrye, or els shewe cause before some of his Maties justices of peace.

**Trayned soldier.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 400.

**Committal Order.** [86*d*] To the Sheriffe of the countie of Yorke and to the Keeper of his Matie prison att the Castle of Yorke, greetinge.

Whereas William Carr of Graystongill standes indicted and convicted for the unlawfull driveinge and detayneinge of a cowe, beinge the goodes of one Thomas Wildeman, and beinge fyned unto his Maties use for the said trespas the summe of xls., contemptuously refuseth to pay the same, THESE are therefore to charge and comaund you to receive unto your custodie the said William Carr, and him safely keep untill

he have satisfied the said summe of xls. unto his Mat<sup>ties</sup> use, whereof fayle not.

**Hubbram bridge.**<sup>1</sup> Forasmuch as the graund inquest for our soveraigne lord the Kinge have presented att this generall quarter sessions of peace the great ruyne and decay of Hubbram bridge, scituate over the river of Wharfe in the wappentack of Staincliffe and Ewcrosse, the said bridge beinge the high roade way leadinge betweene the markett towne of Lancaster, in the countie of Lancaster, and the markett towne of Newcastle upon Tyne and other places in the countie of Northumberland, THIS COURT doth therefore entreat Sir William Lister, Knt., and William Lowther, esq., two of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, that they will please to veiwe the ruynes and decayes of the said bridge, and certifie what summe will repaire the same, as also who ought to repaire itt, that the said moneys may be levyed and ymployed accordingly.

**Fire at Awstwick, in Ewcrosse.** [fol. 87] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 400.

**Scotton assessments.** Forasmuch as Thomas Richardson, Roberte Foster, William Burton, and Marmaduke Trumball have peticoned and informed this Court that they, occupyeinge divers parcells of land lyeinge within the lordshipp and mannor of Scotton, and that they beinge forrayners livinge in other towneshippes, are much wronged and overassessed in theire costes, layes, and assessmentes by the inhabitantes of that towneshipp of Scotton, beinge enforced to pay as much for five poundes per annum as other the inhabitantes of that towne pay for fifteene poundes per annum, soe that the said inhabitantes ease themselves and overburthen the said peticoners, THIS COURT, takeinge consideration of the premisses, conceiveth the same to be unreasonable, and doth therefore order that all layes and assessmentes hereafter to be assessed and ymposed upon the said Thomas Richardson, Roberte Foster, William Burton, and Marmaduke Trumball, and other forrayners who occupie and enjoy land in that towneshipp, shall be assessed and rated accordinge to the present rent and profittes of the said landes, haveinge a respect unto the true yearely worth and vallue thereof.

**Assessments by husbandryes, grassehouses, and cottages.** [87d] Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 400.

**Settlement.** Whereas the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Kildwicke have peticoned and informed this Court that one John Butler and Grace his wife,

<sup>1</sup> Hubberholme Bridge, in the township of Buckden and parish of Arnecliff.



haveinge bene long resident in the parish of Kighley and lawfully settled there, the said John Butler goeing this last expedicon for Scotland left the said Grace att Kildwicke with her mother, where shee hath since remayned and borne a childe, and now the said Butler and Grace his wife doe labour and endeavour to settle themselves att Kildwick, beinge verie likely to be chargeable to the said inhabitantes of Kildweeke, ORDERED that the said John Butler, Grace his wife, and the said childe shall be remaunded and sent to Kighley, there to be settled and provyded for as the lawe in that case hath appointed.

**Committal Order.** To the Sheriffe of the countie of Yorke and to the keeper of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> prison and castle of Yorke, greetinge.

Forasmuch as Stephen Attkinson of Slaidborne, husbandman, and John Harrison of the same, laborer, have bene convented before his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace here assembled for the felonious and burglarious breakinge of a house in the night tyme, for which they stand indicted, and as yett have not receaved a legall tryall for the same, THESE are therefore in his Ma<sup>ties</sup> name straitly to charge and comaund youe to receive into your custodie the bodies of the said Stephen Attkinson and John Harrison, and them safely keep, untill they shall be thence delivered by due course of lawe, whereof fayle not att your perill. Witn., Ferdinando Fairefax, Knt., Henry Goodrick, Knt., William Ingram, Knt., Thomas Fairefax, esq., and Thomas Mauliverer, esq., his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices.

**Halton Bridge.** [fol. 88] Forasmuch as the graund inquest for our soveraigne lord the Kinge have presented att this generall quarter sessions of the peace the great ruyne and decay of Halton bridge, scituate over the river of Ribble, in the wapentacke of Staynecliffe, and leadinge betwixt the cittie of Yorke and Preston in Amundres, in the co. of Lancaster, THIS COURT, takeinge into consideracon the decay of the said bridge, desires William White, esq., and Edward Parker,<sup>1</sup> esq., two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, to veiwe the ruynes and decayes of the said bridge, and certifie what summe of money will repaire the same, to the next generall sessions of peace to be holden for this W.R.

**Tobacco, Commissioners and Patentees to license sale of.**  
Printed in Y.A.J., v, 401.

<sup>1</sup> Edward Parker, Esq., of Browsholme Hall, near Clitheroe, son of Thomas Parker and Bridget Tempest, was born 3 Aug., 1602, dying in 1667. He married Mary, daughter of Richard Sunderland, Esq., of High Sunderland, near Halifax, 28 Jan., 1629. He was a direct ancestor of Col. Parker, President of our Society.—J.W.C.

**Hampstead bridge.** Whereas the inhabitants of the towne of Hampsteade<sup>1</sup> and Clint, with diverse other the inhabitants thereabouts, have peticoned and informed this Court of the greate ruine and decay of Hampstead bridge, lyinge over the river Nidde, and have also informed that if the same should goe downe all the county, besides a great number of travellers and passengers, would have greate losse and damage thereby, it beinge an auncient high way, THIS COURT, takinge into consideracon the decay of the sayde bridge, doth desire and intreate Sir Fardinando Fairefax and Sir Henry Goodricke, knts., beinge two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices next adjoining, to view the ruines and decayes of the said bridge, and to certifie unto the next sessions what somme of money will repayre the said bridge.

**Hampsthwaite assessments.** [88*d*] Upon a certificate made unto this Court, under the handes of divers the inhabitants of the parish of Hampsthwaite, who shoue that the [*sic*] are assessed for the poore within the hamlett where the [*sic*] live, accordinge to their estates, and for the lands the [*sic*] farme in other parishes payinge a ract rent for the same, they are there assessed, although the landlord be assessed for the same with his other estate, ORDERED that an equall assessment be made hereafter for the releife of the poore there, and that noe man be twice assessed for one particuler, either for landes he enjoyeth, or for the personall estate he possesseth.<sup>2</sup>

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#### WAKEFEILD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 104] General Sessions held at, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1639 (-40), before William Savile, baron<sup>t</sup>, John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>, George Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Richard Marshe, S.T.D., Edward Stanhope, esq., John Kay, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., John Farrer, esq., and Tho<sup>s</sup> Thornhill, esq., Justices.

**JURORS**—W<sup>m</sup> Mallett, esq., John Brooke, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Powell, W<sup>m</sup> Cave, W<sup>m</sup> Banke, Robert Phillipps, Abraham Marshall, Henry Barrabie, W<sup>m</sup> Lambert, Tho<sup>s</sup> Lawtie, Richard Ingram, James Nailer, George Turner, W<sup>m</sup> Righton, and Francis Mason.

**WHO PRESENT**—Jennett Smyth of Stainford, spinster, for stealing on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), at Purston magna, a shirt

<sup>1</sup> ? Hampsthwaite.

<sup>2</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Maintenance of bastard child [86] and Removal of bastard child [86*d*].



and a sheet, value 2s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Mitley. Witn., Cuthbert Mitley. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Mary Waterhouse, wife of John Waterhouse of Bradford, laborer, for stealing there on 31 Dec., 1639, "a coyfe, a cross-cloth, three spoones, one piggen, and one handkerchiffe," value 10s., the property of John Ledgerd. Witn., Jo. Ledgerd. (At large.)

[104*d*] Richard Hildierd of Horton, laborer, for stealing there on 1 Dec., 1639, a stone and a half of wool, value 8s., the property of someone unknown. Witn., Rich. Greene. (Committed to York Castle, there hanged.)

Henry Thomas, Michael Fawthrop, and Abraham Milnes, all of Midgley, laborers, for stealing on 14 Dec., 1639, at Warley, ten cords of wood, value 40s., the property of James Nailer. Witn., Chr. Lee. (Fawthrop at large. Thomas and Milnes put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

W<sup>m</sup> Turpin of Shereburne, laborer, and Lewis Hewitt *als.* Heughes of Lenerton,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb., 1638(-9), at Hudleston, two wether sheep, value 20s., the property of Richard Morley. Witn., Godfrey Somershall. (At large.)

[fol. 105] Thomas Slacke of Cumberworth, "houswright," for stealing on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1639, at Denby, one stroak of wheat, value 10*d.*, the property of Francis Boothroid. Witn., Fr. Boothroid. (Confesses.)

W<sup>m</sup> Cawdrey of Bramupp, husbandman, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov., 1639, a mattock, value 18*d.*, the property of John Philipp. Witn., Jo. Philipp, Jo. Mathew, W<sup>m</sup> Richardson. (Puts himself, guilty to 2*d.*, if it be felony, otherwise not.)

Thomas Holling and Joseph Phillipp, both of Horton, laborers, for stealing on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1639, at Thornton, two ewe sheep, value 10s., the property of John Spencer. Also Henry Wilkinson, laborer, Abraham Robertshawe, clothier, and John Jackson, laborer, all of Thornton, for knowingly receiving and harbouring them on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. following. Witn., Jo. Spencer, Jonas Deane. (Holling puts himself, guilty to 2*d.*, no chattels. Phillipp at large.)

[105*d*] Edmund Hoyle of Ovenden, clothier, for obtaining by false pretences there on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, in the name of one Richard Richardson of North byerley, yeoman, from one John Turner these goods following, viz. "an arke" value 20s., "three quishions" value 8s., "two doblers" (*patinas*) value 8s., and a coverlet value 14s., the property of the said Richard

<sup>1</sup> A hamlet in the township and parish of Sherburn, five miles from Pontefract.

Richardson in the hands of the said John Turner, and converting them to his own use, to the great deception and damage of the said Ric. Richardson, and against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Ric. Richardson, Jo. Walker. (Puts himself, is committed to York Castle for one month.)

John Jowett, Mathew Jowett, and Thomas Jowett, all of Bradford, husbandmen, for assaulting and maltreating on 26 Oct., 1639, at Wakefeild, one John Fairebanke, and taking from him a hat value 5s., his property. Witn., Jo. Fairebanke, Hen. Hargill, Jo. Hobson, Ro. Tailer. (All at large.)

James Greene of Holme, yeoman, for stealing on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1639, at Almonburie, "three wantoes shaftes, a wantow bothome, two halters, and a hedging mitten," value 10d., the property of Isaac Wormall. Witn., Jo. Lockwood, Ja. Fraunce. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 106] John Helme of Lofthouse, husbandman, for that at Rothwell on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1639, and at divers other times, both before and since, he was and still is a common barrator, disturber of the peace, and oppressor of his neighbours. Witn., Rob. Lee, Will. Stead, Ja. Hicke, Rob. Prince, Jo. Apleyard, Ja. Burnell, Alice Hicke, Alice Smith, Dorath. Rawson. (Puts himself, bound over. Not guilty, at Wakefeild, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1640.)

Robert Crowther of Gomersall, clothier, for having on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1639, and at divers other times, both before and since, at Hallifax and divers other fairs and markets in the West Riding, sold to the King's lieges divers parcels of "lyne" (*linei*) by false weights. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Reyner, Jo. Reyner, Ant. Brooke. (Pontefract, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 3s. 4d.)

William Cooke of Ferribrigge, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, Dorothy Grayson. Witn., Dorath. Grason. (At large.)

Thomas Stanley of Farsley, yeoman, for unlawfully taking and carrying away on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., 1636 [*sic*], at Hallifax, two shillings in money belonging to John Sturdie. Witn., Jo. Walker. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[106d] William Frankishe and John Goodyere, both of Pontefract, laborers, for assaulting and maltreating on 25<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, at Warmfeild, Robert Bins. Witn., Rob. Bynnes, W<sup>m</sup> Brooke. (Confess, fine 12d.)

John Mallinson of Harteshead, carpenter, and Chris. Howgate of the same, collier, for assaulting on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, John Waddington in his house at Mirfeild, putting all his family



in bodily fear, and grievously wounding him. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Walker. (Confess, fine 12*d.* each.)

John Gleadhill of Barksland, mason, for assaulting and maltreating on 2 Nov., 1639, at Ealand, Elizabeth Pickforth. Witn., Jo. Pickford, Jo. Clay. (Puts himself, confesses, fine 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

W<sup>m</sup> Cawdrey of Bramup, husbandman, for unlawfully taking there and driving away on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1639, a wether sheep, value 4*s.*, the property of Gilbert Cawdrey. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 107] John Smyth and Henry Brooke of Southoram, clothiers, and W<sup>m</sup> Thomas and Robt. Clay of Hallifax, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 6 Nov., 1639, at Southoram, John Barraclough. Witn., Sam Midgly, Rob. Hartley. (Put themselves, confess, fine 12*d.*)

John Barraclough of Hallifax, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1639, W<sup>m</sup> Thomas. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Thomas, Jo. Smith. (Puts himself, guilty, fine is taxed at 2*s.*, paid Sheriff.)

That the King's high way over Quicke Moore, between Grotton head and Woodbrooke, within the township of Quicke, is now in great decay for lack of repair, etc., and that Robert Whitehead of Quicke, husbandman, who lately inclosed the Common there, ought to repair it. Therefore a penalty of £10 is laid upon him to sufficiently repair the same before the next General Sessions. Witn., Alex. Radclyffe, Pet. Bradbury. (At large.)

[107*d*] William Ward of Clifford, laborer, for on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), having and maintaining there a newly-erected cottage for the habitation of James Wilbore without assigning to it 4 acres of land to be occupied therewith. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty.)

Michaell Dison, Anthony Hartley, Jonas Scolefeild, Christopher Hartley, Robert Hartley, James Hall, Samuel Midgley, John Barraclough, and W<sup>m</sup> Hartley, all of Hallifax, laborers, for on the 5<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1639, breaking and entering the barn of John Smith at Northowram, and taking away therefrom "three score threave of oats," value £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, his property. Witn., Jo. Smith, W<sup>m</sup> Thomas, Jo. Helliwell. (All at large.)

John Fairebancke, jun<sup>r</sup>, yeoman, Robt. Tailer, vintner, Henry Hargile, yeoman, and Edward Fairebank, laborer, all of Wakefeild, for assaulting there and maltreating on 26 Oct., 1639, Mathew Jowett. Witn., Math. Jowett. (All at large.)

[fol. 108] John Haworth of Erringden, laborer, for assault-

ing there and maltreating on 26 Dec., 1639, Samuel Hanson. Witn., Sam. Hanson. (At large. At Wakefeild, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Henry Dicconson of Bramley, yeoman, for that having on the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, appeared personally before Joseph Hillarie, Alderman of the Borough of Leeds, and one of the Justices there, and entered into a recognizance of £40 for good behaviour towards the King and all his people, he nevertheless afterwards on the same day at Wakefeild in the presence and hearing of many of the King's lieges said publicly to one Henry Sikes of Hunslett, gent., these contemptuous words, viz., "thou shakeragg<sup>1</sup> blewe beard," and other malicious words, and then assaulted the said Henry Sikes, in contempt of the King and his laws, and against his former recognizance. Witn., Hen. Sikes. (Puts himself. Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

Edward Crowther of Thornhill, laborer, for assaulting there and maltreating on 20 Dec., 1639, Christopher Hargrave. Witn., Chr. Hargraves, Rob. Tailer, Grace Haige. (At large. Confesses, fine 12*d.*, estreated, paid Sheriff, at Wakefeild, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1640.)

[108*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Westerman of Rothwell Haighe, turner, for being on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1639, and at divers other times, before and since, a common barrator there, disturber and oppressor of his neighbours, inciting law suits, etc. Witn., Tho. Rawson, Ralph Swift, Ja. Hicke, Rob. Tottye, W<sup>m</sup> Shanne. (At large.)

Richard Jones of Denbie, clothier, for assaulting there and maltreating on 7 Jan., 1639(-40), Mary Robucke. Witn., Rich<sup>d</sup> Jackson, Math. Robucke. (At large. Confesses, at Wakefeild, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, fine 2*s.*)

John Moseley of Shelley, yeoman, for being on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1639(-40), and at divers other times, before and since, at Almon-burie and elsewhere, a common barrator, disturber, and oppressor of his neighbours, inciting law suits, etc. Witn., Jo. Tinker, Tho. Greene, Tho. Clegg, Jo. Morehouse, Jo. Lee, W<sup>m</sup> Hoile, Tho. Robucke. (Puts himself, is removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

[fol. 109] That the King's highway within the parish of Wakefeild, in a place near Newton, and leading between the market towns of Leeds and Wakefeild, on 1 Apr., 1640, was and now is in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of Wakefeild parish ought to repair the same. Therefore a

<sup>1</sup> "Shak-rag," or "Shagrag," signifies a mean, beggarly fellow (Halliwell).



penalty of £100 is laid upon them to repair same before 1<sup>st</sup> July next. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Mallett and his fellows.

That the King's highway, within the parish of Hallifax, in a place called the North bridge, leading between the market towns of Hallifax and Bradford on 1 Apr., 1640, was and now is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of Hallifax parish ought to repair the same, Therefore a penalty of £40 is laid upon them to repair same before 1<sup>st</sup> July next. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Mallett and his fellows.

### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 89] **Lame soldier's widow.** Printed in Y.A.J., v, 401.

**Committal Order.** [89*d*] Order to committ Richard Hilliard of Horton, laborer, indicted for divers felonies (to the castle of York), until he have received his legal trial, or be otherwise delivered by due course of law.

**Arrears due to Overseer.** Forasmuch as John Mitchell of Stanley peticoned this Court and informed that he, beinge overseer last yeare in Stanley, in the parish of Wakefeild, disbursed in the execucon of his office the somme of xxvjs., which is arreare and unpaid unto him, ORDERED that the said somme shall be forthwith paid unto the said [*blank*] by the nowe present churchwarden of Stanley.

**Mr. Clifton, vicar of Tadcaster.** [fol. 90] Printed in Y.A.J., v, 401.

**Relief of poor.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed that Mathewe Lister of Bradford hath lived within the parish of Bradford for divers yeares last past, and nowe is fallen into povertie and want, haveinge two children to maynetayne and not any thinge to releeve himselfe and said children withall, and unlesse somme course be taken for the said Mathew Lister by the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish, he the said Mathewe will be forced to betake himselfe to wandringe and some idle course of life, and whereas the said Math: hath had for his rent payinge a house within the said towne of Bradford for certayne yeares by past, but now is fallen into great decay, and therefore not able to pay any rent, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers provyde a convenient house for the said Mathewe and his children, as also allowe such releefe towards theire mayneteynance as shall be thought fitt.

**Over Longley, in Almondburie, Thornover** [90*d*] and **Bene-faction to Birstall parish.** Printed in Y.A.J., v, 402.

**Cottage.** [fol. 91] Forasmuch as William Turner of Wibsey, in the towneship of North byerley, informed this Court that he, beinge formerly a man of good abilitie and esteeme, is fallen into decay in his estate, being overcharged with maynetayninge and provydinge for his aged father, and utterly disabled to pay rent for his house, ORDERED that the said William shall be att libertie to build a house uppon the waste there for his owne habitacon with the consent of William Rookes, esq., lord of the mannor of Northbyerley and Wibsey aforesaid.

**Settlement.** To the Constables of Wakefeild, their deputie or deputies, and soe to all constables the direct way unto Kingston uppon Hull, greetinge.

Whereas one Daniell Steward, a poore boy, aged ten yeares or thereaboutes, was sent the direct way from Walcott, in the co. of Lincolne, beinge there punished as a wanderer, by passport under the handes of Charles Dymocke and Richard Kinge, esquiers, two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace in the said co. of Lincolne, for that he the said Steward beinge brought into this Court affirmed before the said justices that he was borne att Wakefeild, now for that the said Steward beinge brought into this Court this present day affermeth that he was last settled with his mother att Kingston upon Hull by the space of a yeare, in a streete there called the Highstreete, and that his said mother paid rent for the said house and there dyed, and alsoe that after her death the officers of Kingston upon Hull caryed him the said Steward over the wastes in Lincolnshire, two miles from Calcote [*sic*] aforesaid, and there left him, threateninge him that if he retorned backe unto Kingston uppon Hull they would throwe him into the water, and for that it appeareth, by a certificate hereunto annexed, upon search of the register, that he the said Steward was not borne att Wakefeild, and was not there to be settled by lawe, neither can the place of his birth be discovered, and therefore it is not [*sic*] conceived and thought fitt by this Court that the said Steward ought by lawe to be provyded for and settled att Kingston uppon Hull, in regard of his last setlinge there, THESE are therefore in his Ma<sup>ties</sup> name straitly to charge and comaund youe, and everye of you, that presently after the receipt hereof you convey the said Steward from parish to parish, the next and streightest way, unto the towne of Kingston upon Hull, where he affirmeth he was last settled, and nowe att this present ought there to be settled, or otherwise disposed of accordinge to lawe, upon the payne and penaltie of the Statute instituted uppon such, or



any wayes disturbe or lett the execucon of the lawe in that case made and provyded. And hereof fayle not att your perills. Witnes, etc.

**Relief of Poor.** [91*d*] Order to the churchwardens and overseers of Pudsey to provide "howseroome and harbour" for Stephen Braithwaite of Nether Pudsey, and to allow such other necessities towards his and his wife's relief as their necessities shall require.

**Beacons, Southowram, North bierley.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 402.

**Adel and Eccup Assessments.** [fol. 92] Whereas complaint hath beene made unto this Court against Tobye Barraclough and Thomas Blackwood of Hallyfax, for nonpayment of their layes and assessmentes for landes they have in Adlle and Ecopp, and whereas the said Barraclough and Blackwood have attended this Court, and showed cause that the assessment and layes imposed upon them are unreasonable and unproporconable, and not according to the value of their landes compared with others of as good estates in land there as they have, and whereas upon debate and hearing the allegacon on both sides, Itt was, att the generall sessions of the peace holden att Hallyfax 1 Oct. last, reserved to Richard Marshe, D.D., one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices in this division, and to Ingram Hopton, gent., and to Robert Hitch, clarke, or any two of them, to examine the diffrence, and that they, parties complaineing, shold have notice of their meetings, and whereas all the said referrenes have taken paines therein, and upon examynacon of the truth and state of the businesse have made a certificate to this Court that, not onely the said Barracloughe and Blackwood, but diverse of the inhabitantes within the said towneshipp of Adlle, where their said landes lye, are greatly wronged in their constable layes, as by a particular schedule certyfyinge the particuler of the estates of sundrie men and their unproporconable assessmentes appeared, and whereas [blank] Wood, gent., and Richerd Kirke, who most oppose the same, to avoid and prevent the order of this Court for a reformacon herein, pretended a custome that the assessmentes have tyme out of minde beene rated, made, and assessed according to a custome of two pence at every noble rent, which custome this Court conceiveing fitt to be tried att law, and not within the cognyzance of this Court to determine, albeit itt appeareth by the certifycate of the said referrenes that the same, if any such were, hath beene infringed and not observed, yett this Court, att the request of the said Mr Wood and Richerd Kirke, hath thought fitt to referre the same to

a tryall att lawe touching the said custome, whereupon and as the same shall passe, this Court will further order as shall be just. In the meane time this Court doth not thinke fitt to order the said Barraclough and Blackwood to pay the layes and assessmentes demaunded and assessed upon them, but that the constable of Adlle and Ecopp may take their legall course for obteyninge the said layes and assessmentes in such course as the law appoyntes, if they please.

**Bastard child.** [92*d*] Forasmuch as Christofer Smith of Alerthorp [*sic*], in the parish of Wakefeild, informed this Court that aboute seaven years since he became bound for the maintaineinge and providinge for of a bastard child of one Thomas Smythes, his brother, for the space of seaven yeares then to come, which accordingly he hath performed, and provided for the said bastard, and discharged the parishe of Wakefeild from any charge or troble in provydeinge for the same, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Alerthorpe [*sic*] shall either putt the said child apprentice or otherwise provide for the same, as the law appoynt.

[fol. 93] **Rastrick apprentice and Hey Lane, between Bradley head and Rastrick Common.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 402-3.<sup>1</sup>  
[Folio 94 blank.]

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### BARNESLEY.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 110] General Sessions held at, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), before Geo. Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, John Reresby, esq., and Robert Rockley, esq., Justices.<sup>2</sup>

**JURORS**—Parcivall Hobson, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Brooke, W<sup>m</sup> Broadhead of Darton, Thomas Roades, John Sotwell, John Reyney, James Thrist, Richard Tyas, Geo. Wade, Thomas Lindley, Thomas Wainewright, Richard Bacon, John Staineforth, W<sup>m</sup> Wareing, and Stephen Scole.

**WHO PRESENT**—John Bowes of Rednesse,<sup>3</sup> laborer, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), three “strooke” of barley, value 10s., the property of John Beamesley. Also John Bradley of the same place, laborer, and Isabel his wife, for

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Maintenance of bastard child [89*d*] and Settlement [89, 89*d*, 91*d*, 92*d*, 93*d*].

<sup>2</sup> In the Order Book John Savile, knt., appears first in the list of Justices at these Sessions.

<sup>3</sup> Reedness, in the parish of Whitgift, wapentake of Osgoldcross, Liberty of Pontefract, 6½ miles from Howden.



knowingly receiving and harbouring him there on the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. Witn., Jo. Beamesley, Ro. Tindall. (Both put themselves, guilty, are burnt.)

Thomas Maude of Sheffeld, "sithersmith," and Robert Maude of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, "a teame, two paire of plowe shackles, and two pair of waine shackles," value 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>., the property of Richard Burrowes. Witn., Rob. Trippett. (Put themselves, guilty to 5<sup>d</sup>., no chattels.)

[110<sup>d</sup>] John Silvester of Pittesmoore,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for stealing there on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1639, "halfe a pecke of wheate and rie," value 4<sup>d</sup>., the property of Mary Rawson, widow. Confession. (Puts himself, guilty, no chattels, is whipped.)

Anne, wife of John Pearson of Atterclyffe, laborer, for stealing on 20 Oct., 1639, at Carebrooke, a silver spoon, value 6s., the property of Stephen Bright, gent. Examination. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Amerye of Conisbrough, yeoman, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug., 1639, at Rotheram, two brown oxen, value £8, the property of Robert Smith. Witn., Rob. Smyth, Jo. Smyth. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Peter Smyth of Brearley, husbandman, for stealing on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1639, at Southindley, two black oxen, value £11, the property of Matthew Oxeley. Witn., Jo. Wager, Jer. Smithson. (Puts himself.)

Isabel Scamonden, wife of Robert Scamonden of Barnesley, yeoman, and Daniel Scamonden of the same place, yeoman, for assaulting there and maltreating on 16 Dec., 1639, Anne, the wife of Robert Cundye. Witn., Rob. Smith, Raife Haigh. (Put themselves, removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

[fol. 111] The same for assaulting and maltreating Edmund Cundye at Barnesley on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1639. Same witnesses. (Put themselves, removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

Robert Bowker of Doncaster, laborer, and John Royston of the same, laborer, for assaulting there and maltreating on 10 Dec., 1639, John Riles. (Each puts himself, guilty, fine 10s.)

Lawrence West of Thurnscoe, husbandman, and Robert Shagg of the same, laborer, for assaulting there and maltreating on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, John Crawshey. (Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, and the fine of each 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>.)

James Curtis of Rotheram, gent., for assaulting there and maltreating on 23<sup>d</sup> July, 1639, Richard Burrowes. Witn., Jo. Browne, Rich. Burrowe. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> In the township of Brightside-Bierlow, and parish of Sheffield.

[IIId] Cotton Horne of Waikefeild, gent., Edward Forth of Sorby, laborer, Edward Lambard of Havercroft, husbandman, Geo. Dickinson of [blank], laborer, and Jane Dodine of Brierley, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, at Brierley, Elizabeth Brooke. Witn., Jo. Brooke, Anne Brooke. (All at large. Confess the indictment at Wakefeild, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, fine 6*d*.)

Robert Roberts, W<sup>m</sup> Parkinson, and James Dymond, all of Southindley, husbandmen, Brian Clarkson of the same, yeoman, and Richard Jennett of the same, husbandman, for that being churchwardens of the parish church of Felkirk and overseers of the poor for the same parish, they did on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), and at divers other times, before and since, contemptuously refuse to perform the Order of the Justices for the erection of a house for the habitation of one Anne Norfolk, widow, being one of the paupers of the aforesaid parish, against the form of the Statute. Witn., Fr. Scamonden, Rich. Swinden. (The first two put themselves, not guilty; the other three confess, fine 3*s*. 4*d*. each.)

John Ryells of Sheffield, laborer, and George Moorehouse of Rotherham, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating on 30 Nov., 1639, at Rotherham, Robert Bowker and John Royston. Witn., Jo. Royston, Ro. Bowker. (Put themselves, confess, fine 2*s*. 6*d*. each, estreated, paid Sheriff, at Rotheram, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1640.)

[fol. 112] John Royston of Doncaster, yeoman, John Friend and Daniel Gray of Rotheram, skinners, for that having on their personal appearance before John Reresby, esq., one of the Justices, at Thriberghe, on the 26 Nov., 1639, entered into their recognizances, John Royston in £20, and the other two in £10 each, for their appearance at the next General Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime, especially towards John Ryles, nevertheless the said John Royston did on the same day at Thirberghe assault the said John Ryles, and use divers opprobrious words to him against the recognizances aforesaid. Witn., Rob. Hewitt, Jo. Riles, Jo. Walker. (Royston puts himself.)

Peter Smith of Brearley, husbandman, and Peter Lawe of Abdye,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, for on 10 Oct., 1639, taking and driving away at South Hindley six sheep, value 3*s*., the property of Matthew Oxley. Witn., Rob. Bisbie, Math. Oxley, Rob. Hudlestone. (Put themselves.)

<sup>1</sup> In the township of Brampton-Bierlow and parish of Wath-upon-Dearn, Liberty of Tickhill, five miles from Rotherham.



Robert Wells of Thurne, laborer, for on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1639, keeping in a house there belonging to him one John Cowper as sub-tenant or inmate, without assigning to the same house 4 acres of land, according to the Statute. Witn., Laur. Tailer, Rob. Ferribie. (At large.)

[112*d*] Michael Slack of Thurgoland, husbandman, for being on 21 May, 1639, and at divers other times, before and since, a common barrator there, perturber, and oppressor of his neighbours, inciting law suits, etc. Witn., Jo. Mogson, Rob. Robinson, Jo. Hopton, Rich. Hurst, Rich. Haighe, W<sup>m</sup> Smith, Mary Hurst. (At large. Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

W<sup>m</sup> Towler of Barnesley, laborer, for breaking and entering the orchard of John Shippard there, on 20 Aug., 1639. Witn., Rich. Rogerley. (At large. At Pontefract, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, confesses, fine taxed at (?) *jd.*)

Robert White of Higham, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 22 Jan., 1639(-40), at Darton, George Wright. Witn., Geo. Wright, Martin Thompson. (At large.)

[fol. 113] Peter Reeder of Thurne, laborer, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1639, retaining in a house of his there Robert Clarke and [*blank*] his wife as subtenants or inmates, without assigning to the said house 4 acres of land, according to the Statute. Witn., Sam. Tailer, Rob. Ferribie. (At large.)

That the King's high way leading between the towns of Hickleton and Billingley<sup>1</sup> Bridge is now in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of Hickleton and Golthorp ought to repair the same. Therefore a penalty of £40 is laid upon them that they sufficiently repair the same before the 1<sup>st</sup> August next. *Juratores.* (At large.)

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#### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 94*d*] **Money due.** Forasmuch as divers differences have beene and are dependinge in this Court betweene th'inhabitanτες (of) Usfleete and Henrye Petch, makeinge an accompt of such monyes as he received and disbursed in the execucon of his office, ORDERED that the said inhabitantes of Usfleete and the said Henrye Petch shall attend upon Mr Henrye Bointon of Rawclyffe, who is desired to examyne the said differences, and certyfie into this Court att the next generall quarter sessions what arreares are due, if any such appeare to him, unto the said inhabytantes, and his opinion therein, and upon his certyficat further order to be taken therein.

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Darfield, Lower Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, Liberty of Tickhill, six miles from Barnsley.

**Relief of poor.** Upon the peticon of Willyam Ashton who informed that the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Ecclesfeild are arreare unto him the sume of iiijs. viij*d*., which they have denied to pay him, contrary to an order of this Court, ORDERED that the said churchwardens and overseers shall pay and satisfye unto the said William Ashton the said arreares, and continue his former allowance of ij*d*. weekly, untill they show cause to Robert Rockley, esq., one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, why the same shold not be payd and continued.

**Overseer's arrears.** [fol. 95] Whereas John Rersby, esq., and William West, esq., two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, have certyfiyd hither that they, haveing by a reference from this Court examined the accomptes of Thomas Stephenson, gent., late overseer of the poore within the par. of Whitguift, and that itt appeareth that there is due upon the said account unto the said inhabitantes the sume of iij*li*. xvs. iiij*d*., which was received by the said Thomas Stephenson, and so found due to the towneshipp, ORDERED that the said Thomas Stephenson shall forthwith pay and satisfye the said iij*li*. xvs. iiij*d*. unto the now present overseers of that parish, and because John Stephenson, the yonger, and John Stephenson, the elder, doe alleadge that the [*sic*] have disbursed, and are out of purse the sume of xxxjs. and upwardes of their owne moneys in prosecuteinge the said M. Stephenson to make his said account, therefore this Court doth intreate Mr John Noble, minister at Whitguift, and Mr Thomas Bointon of Rawclyffe to examyne the particuler of the said expences, and allowe unto the said John Stephenson, th'elder, and John Stephenson, the yonger, such reasonable chardges as the [*sic*] shall thinke fittinge, which upon certificate from the said Mr Noble and Mr Bointon will be allowed by the Court, and the said xxxjs. to be payd by the said Thomas Stephenson if the said Mr Noble and Mr Boynton shall certifie that they finde their expences have beene soe much.

**Relief of poor.** Upon open heareing and examineing the differences depending betweene th'inhabitanes of Dodworth, in the par. of Silkstone, and William Denton of the same, aboute the settleing and providinge for of the said Denton, ORDERED that the said Denton shall continue and be setled in the house with William Lindley, where he formerly was, and that the said inhabitantes shall pay yearely unto the said Denton the sume of tenn shillinges out of the assessmentes for reliefe of their poore, and such moneys and other allowance as was formerly allowed unto him for wardinge, or otherwise.

**Haldenby in Usfleet.** [95*d*] Printed in Y.A.J., v. 403.



**High Hoyland and Clayton assessments.** Upon open heareing and examineing the differences dependinge betweene th'inhabytantes of High Hoyland and Clayton, aboute the payment of the assessmentes for the releife of the poore in that parishe, forasmuch as a former order was conceived in this business at the generall sessions of peace holden at Pontefract 18 Apr., 2 Chas., unto which some exceptions is taken by them of High Hoyland, ORDERED that this assessment which is now assessed for the present for the releife of the poore shall be payd by them of High Hoyland, and the differences depending aboute the said order are to be examined and ended at the next generall sessions at Pontefracte to be holden for this W.R. after the Clause of Easter next.

**Inmate.** [fol. 96] ORDERED that Edward Dixon of Anston, in the par. of St. Leonards, be placed as an inmate under Nicholas Kirke of Anston, without any danger to the said Nicholas, if he be soe willing to place him.

**Distracted woman, Bolton-on-Dearne,** [96*d*] **Purveyor for the King's household, Trumfleet and Kirksandall,** and [fol. 97] **Cut-purse, Bailiff of Rotheram.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 403-4.

**Treasurer for Lame Soldiers.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed by Thomas Jopson, esq., late treasurer for lame soldiers within this W.R., that he hath disbursed the summe of vij*li.* js. x*d.* alreadye, and that gratuities which he is to pay before Easter sessions that he gett his dischargd will amount to iij*li.*, or thereaboutes, which he is willing to make accompt of accordingly, THEREFORE this Court doth thinke fitt that Mr. Marwood, now Treasurer for lame soldiers, shall pay unto the said Mr Jopson the summe of tenn poundes upon sight hereof, and the said moneyes to be allowed unto the said Mr Marwood when he sall make his accompt.

**Balne Assessments.** [97*d*] For the finall ending and determineing of the differences dependinge betweene th'inhabitanes of Balme and Nicholas Yarbrough, esq.,<sup>1</sup> aboute the rateing and assessing of their assessmentes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, ORDERED that Mr Nicholas Waller of Sykehowse, Mr John Riccard of Cowicke, Mr Henrye Motherby of the same, and Mr Tho : Everingham of Whitley, or any three of them, shall at some convenient place meet and rate an assessment of the said landes in contraversie, haveing respect to the quantitie and

<sup>1</sup> Nicholas Yarburgh, of Snaith, afterwards knighted, was son of Edmund Yarburgh, of Balne Hall, by Sarah, daughter of Thomas Wormeley, of Hatfield. He was buried at Snaith, 22 August, 1665, having married Faith, daughter of John Dawnay. From him descended the family at Snaith and Heslington (see *Dugdale's Visitation Continued*, ii, 67.)—J.W.E.

qualitie of the landes in question, but in the meanetime the layes and assessmentes to be paid for that landes as they have anciently beene.

**Burghwallis Assessments.** Upon open hearing of the differences depending betweene th'inhabitan<sup>tes</sup> of Burghwallis aboute the rateing and assessing their assessmentes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> servis, ORDERED that Christofer Wormeley, gent., William Walker, gent., and Robert Wilbore, gent., shall examine the number of acres of land there, and certyfie unto this Court wether the landes in Balme,<sup>1</sup> within that constablerye, be of the same value that th'other landes is of that is inclosed, and in the meanetime the last order made and conceived by this Court is confirmed, and itt is further ordered that James Morte, late constable there, shall make a particuler account of the moneyes by him received and disbursed, haveing the allowance of viij*d*. a day for his expences and travelling chardges, and itt is further ordered that those that are found to be delinquent in not paying their assessmentes shall pay all the chardges which are expended aboute these said severall orders.

[fol. 98] Order as to maintenance of a bastard child.

**Settlement.** Forasmuch as Edward Harrop, a poore lame and infirme man, is now at this present destitute of any setleing or place of aboade, being not able to provide for himselfe, haveing beene resident and remained sometymes at Brearley,<sup>2</sup> sometymes at Carleton, but fell lame at Munckbretton, where he remained in the service of Nicholas Wood of Munckbretton, yeoman, ORDERED that the said Edward Harrop shalbe settled and remaine at Munckbretton, there to be provided for as one of the poore of that towneshipp, but itt is thought fitt and further ordered that th'inhabitan<sup>tes</sup> of Brearley and Carleton shall contribute and pay a reasonable contribucon unto them of Shafton towards the releiveing the said Edward Harrop untill this present sessions.

**Swinton Assessments.** [98*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is informed by th'inhabytantes of Swinton that John Buckley, esq., liveing within the towne of Mexbrough, and haveing diverse land in Swinton, which hath alwayes paid laies as other the occupiers of the land in that towneshipp, refuseth to pay, and likewise widdow Willson of Swinton for the land which shee enjoyeth, ORDERED that the said Mr Buckley and widdow Wilson shall pay and satisfye unto the overseers of the poore of

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* Balne, in parish of Snainton, Wapentake of Osgoldcross.

<sup>2</sup> Brierley, in the parish of Felkirk, Wapentake of Staincross, Liberty of Pontefract, five miles from Barnsley.



Swinton all such assessmentes as are liable to be paid by the landes they enjoy, and as formerly they have done, untill the [*sic*] doe shew cause to the contrary.

**Thurnscoe Assessments.** Forasmuch as James Feild of Thransco, gent., informeth this Court that he is over assessed in his layes and assessmentes for the poore, the said [*sic*] inhabitantes observeing an unequall proporcon in rateing their said assessmentes, THIS COURT doth therefore intreate Sir Richard Hutton, knt., that he wold be pleased to examine the equalitie of the said assessmentes, and consider wether the said James Feild be overassessed, yea or noe, and certyfie unto this Court his opinion therein, and in the meane time all proceedinges to stay upon the said assessment against the said James Feild.

Order as to maintenance of a bastard child.

**Committal Order.** [fol. 99] To the Sheriffe of the co. of Yorke and to the Keeper of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> prison att the castle of Yorke, greetinge.

Forasmuch as Thomas Cranwell and Penelopie his wife, late of Killingworth, in the co. of Warwicke, laborer, were this day convented before his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace in their open sessions for the felonious cuttinge of a purse, and steallinge xlvjs. in money, beinge in the said purse, from the person of one John Carre of Killomarshe, in the co. of Darbye, in the open markett att Rotheram, for which they have not as yet received their legall tryall, THESE are therefore in his Ma<sup>ties</sup> name to charge and comaund you, etc. (as on page 168).

**Relief of poor.** Uppon the peticon of Henry Ramsker of Sheffield, aged eightie two yeares or thereaboutes, forasmuch as he informeth that there is arreare by the churchwardens and overseers of Sheffield the summe of ten shillinges or thereaboutes unto him, ORDERED that the said arreares shall be paid by the churchwardens and overseers, and that an allowance of two shillinges monethly shall be paid and contynued unto the said Henry Ramscarre, together with such reasonable charges as the said Henry hath expended in prosecutinge against the said churchwardens and overseers.

**Constable's Accounts.** Whereas there are differences dependinge betweene the inhabitantes of the towneship of Usleet<sup>1</sup> and Henry Petch, late constable there, about the said inhabitantes alledginge and affirminge that the said Henry Petch accompte[s] are unjust, and not to be allowed of, THIS COURT

<sup>1</sup> Ousefleet, in the parish of Whitgift, Wapentake of Osgoldcross, seven miles from Howden.

doth therefore entreat Mr. Thomas Boyneton of Rawcliffe<sup>1</sup> that, att his leasure, he will examyne the said Henry Petch accountes in the presence of somme or all the said parties, and certifie his opinion therein, and then an order to be conceived by this Court accordinge to the said Mr. Boyneton's certificate.

**Relief of poor.** [99*d*] Forasmuch as complainte is made unto this Court by Gabriell White, overseer of the poore of the towneship of Ardesley, that Hugh Smales of the towneship of Bolton uppon Dearne, milner, haveinge two poore children within the said towneship of Ardesley, which are chargeable to the said towneship, is of abilitie to releive and provyde for them, doth notwithstandinge refuse to doe the same, ORDERED that the said Hughe Smalles shall allowe unto the churchwardens and overseers of Ardesley the summe of xxs. yearely, towards the releefe and mainetayneance of the said poore children, which moneys shall be paid yearely by the said Smalles out of his wages.

**Counsellor Naylor.** Printed in *Y.A.J.*, v, 405.

**Settlement.** ORDER that Frances Clayton, late of Barnesley, last settled at Barnesley, "now comed" into the par. of Darfeild, with intent to settle there, and likely to be chargeable to the parish, be sent from Darfeild and settled at Barnesley.

[*Folio 100 is missing.*]

#### PONTEFRACT.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 114] General Sessions held at, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, before Francis Wortley, knight and baronet, William Lister, k<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>, George Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Stanhope, esq., John Reresby, esq., Thomas Jopson, esq., Ingram Hopton, esq., W<sup>m</sup> West, esq., Robt. Rockley, esq., Geo. Marwood, esq., John Mauliverer, esq., and Edward Parker, esq., Justices.

**JURORS**—William Kay, gent., Samuel Usher, gent., Richard Abbott, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Liversedge, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Mortimer, Samuel Pollerd, Seth Shipley, Humph. Reyner, sen<sup>r</sup>, of Gildersome, Thomas Bradford, Henry Jessopp, Joseph Barker, Richard Jennings, John Casson, John Halliley, and Richard Kay.

**WHO PRESENT**—Sara Jowett of Wakefeild, spinster, for stealing on 23 March, 1639(–40), at Hoyland, a petticoat, value 16s., the property of Robert Warberton. Witn., Rob. Warburton. (Sick.)

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* Rawcliffe, in the parish of Snaith.



Henry Preist of Hacksey, co. Lincoln, laborer, for stealing on 9 Mar., 1639(-40), at Milnhouse,<sup>1</sup> five swine, value £3, the property of Richard Cawthorne. Witn., Rich. Cawthorne. (Puts himself, guilty, no chattels, a clerk, is burned.)

[114*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Sutton of Rotherham, laborer, for stealing on 23 Feb., 1639(-40), at Whiston, a goose, value 8*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Shore. Examination. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Sikes of Darfeild, blacksmith, for on the 20<sup>th</sup> Mar., 1639(-40), breaking and entering the dwelling house of Richard Yeates, there about 5 p.m., and then of malice aforethought burning with fire the said house and divers goods therein to the value of £10, his property. Witn., Rich. Yeates. (Committed to York Castle.)

Alice Meller of Hallifax, spinster, for stealing on 26 Dec., 1639, at Northowram, 8 yards of "Karsey,"<sup>2</sup> value 6*s.* 2*d.*, the property of John Lumme. Witn., Jo. Lumme, Edw. Bamforth. (Puts herself, guilty, no chattels, is burned.)

Anne Hopkinson, wife of John Hopkinson of Sheffield, blacksmith, for stealing there on 11<sup>th</sup> Mar., 1639(-40), a brown say<sup>3</sup> apron, value 5*s.*, the property of Malin Pye. Witn., Malin Pye. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels.)

[fol. 115] Peter Wright of Shadwell, laborer, and Mary, his wife, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1639, "one harrow tooth, a paire of pott kilpes, two waine nales, and a paire of waine strooks," value 18*d.*, the property of Clement Stephenson. Witn., Jo. Dixon, Ja. Littlewood. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Thomas Marsden of Pogges in Bradfeild, husbandman, John Marsden of Will house, husbandman, and Ambrose Marsden of Bradfeild, tailor, for on the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1638, consorting with certain unknown ill doers, breaking into the free park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart<sup>t</sup>, commonly called the New Parke at Wortley, and there chasing with greyhounds and killing a buck and a doe. Witn., Fr. Sunderland. (Ambrose Marsden at large. The others put themselves. Respited during the good pleasure of Fr. Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart<sup>t</sup>.)

John Marsden, Christopher Marsden, Ralph Ferrist, Henry Swinden, Richard Morton, Francis Morton, John Ferrist, James Ferrist, and Reginald Eyre, all of Bradfeild, husbandmen,

<sup>1</sup> ? Milnhouses, hamlet in the township of Ecclesall-Bierlow, and parish of Sheffield.

<sup>2</sup> Kersey cloth.

<sup>3</sup> A delicate serge, or woollen cloth. (*Halliwell.*)

for on the 22 Feb., 1639(-40), tracing 6 hares there by their footprints in the snow, following and killing them with greyhounds. Witn., Fr. Sunderland, Rich. Sunderland. (Confess, fine of each for 2 hares on the indictment is taxed at 40s., which in the whole amounts to £18; also John Ferrest and James Ferrist fined for the dog 40s.)

[115*d*] John Wood of Barrowbie Grainge,<sup>1</sup> yeoman, for on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1639(-40), breaking and entering the close of Clement Nevile *als.* Smyth, esq., at Gipton,<sup>2</sup> and taking away therefrom a gelding (*spadonem*), value £8, the property of Thomas Metcalfe, gent. Witn., Rich<sup>d</sup> Walker. (At large. Puts himself, removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

W<sup>m</sup> Wood of Barrowbie Grainge, marchant, for on the same day at Harwood, by a false token in the name of Thomas Metcalfe of Leeds, gent., getting into his possession one gelding, value 8*li.*, the property of Thomas Metcalfe. Witn., Rich<sup>d</sup> Walker. (At large. Puts himself, similarly removed.)

That the King's highway leading between the market towns of Wakefeild and Pontefract, in a place called Penny Layne, within the Township of Purston Jacklin and parish of Fetherston, is now in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Fetherstone ought to repair the same. Witn., Fr. Bynnes, Daniell Thorp, Sam Heather. (At large. On certificate remaining on the roll, Wakefeild, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1640(-1), the penalty is respited until, etc.)

That the common Bridge within the township of Snidall and parish of Normanton, in a place there called Carr Bridge, at Carr yeat, being the King's common highway between the town of Peniston and the market town of Pontefract, is now in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Normanton ought to repair the same bridge. Witn., Daniel Thorp, Sam. Heather, Fr. Bynns. (At large. At Wakefeild, 16 Jul., 1640, on the oath of John Wager and others that the way is repaired the penalty is exonerated.)

[fol. 116] Michael Slacke of Thurgoland, husbandman, and Bartholomew Hall of Cawthorne, laborer, for assaulting at Wortley on 12 Jan., 1639(-40), Anthony Fraunce, and keeping him imprisoned there for 12 hours. Witn., Anth. Fraunce. (Puts himself, is removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

The said Michael Slacke for on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1637, corruptly receiving and exacting 20s. as usury from Richard Hirst for

<sup>1</sup> In the township and parish of Kirkby Overblow, five miles from Wetherby.

<sup>2</sup> In the township of Potter-Newton and parish of Leeds.



deferring payment of £11 for one year, such 20s. much exceeding the rate of 8 per cent. per ann. according to the Statute. Witn., Ric. Hurst, W<sup>m</sup> Smyth, Rich. Hey. (Puts himself, is similarly removed.)

Also the same for on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1637, breaking and entering the house of John Milnthorpp at Thurgoland, and taking therefrom a saddle, value 20*d.*, his property. Witn., Jo. Milnthorpe. (Puts himself, is similarly removed.)

Also for taking and driving away on 12 Jan., 1639(-40), at Wortley, a white mare value 30s., and a calf value 20s., the property of Anthony Fraunce. Witn., Anth. Fraunce, Tho. Walker. (Puts himself, is similarly removed.)

[116*d*] Joseph Inchbald of Drax, gent., for on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, enclosing and obstructing with hedges and ditches a common horse way between the town of Armine and the market town of Selbye, in a close at Drax called Brandhurst, so that the King's lieges could not travel by that way as of old accustomed. Witn., Edw<sup>d</sup> Jaques. (At large. At Wakefeild, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 6*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Elizabeth Dilworth, wife of Robert Dilworth of Abberford, laborer, for unlawfully taking there on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb., 1639(-40), £98 10s. in money, the property of Richard Ewnis. Witn., Jo. Droning, Adam Parker, Tho. Nelson, Geo. Whitfeild. (Puts herself, guilty, fine £4 10s., paid Sheriff.)

W<sup>m</sup> Elwicke of Hatefeild, yeoman, for on the 21 Feb., 1639(-40), shooting at and killing there a greyhound bitch with a gun charged with powder and hail shot, against the form of the Statute, etc. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 117] Alexander Metcalfe of Leeds, gent., and Christopher Johnson of the same, butcher, for assaulting on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1640, at Castleford, William Eastwood, and unlawfully taking from him a leg of veal, value 2s., the property of Robert Labron. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Eastwood, Tho. Burton, W<sup>m</sup> Shippen. (At large.)

Peter Reeder of Thorne, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1639(-40), Samuel Tailer, then Constable of Thorne, in the execution of his office. Witn., Sam. Tailer. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court; confesses, fine £3 6s. 8*d.*)

Richard Wormall of Ovenden, laborer, Jane Wormall of the same, spinster, and Joseph Hopkinson of the same, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 31 July, 1639, Henry Greaves. Witn., Geo. Liddell. (All at large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

[117*d*] Also for on the same day and place assaulting and maltreating George Liddell. Witn., Geo. Liddell. (At large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

John Crosley of Peniston, husbandman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), breaking and entering the free chase of W<sup>m</sup> Savile, bart., at Bradfeild, commonly called Ewden, and unlawfully hunting with guns and other engines the "Redd deare" there feeding and resting. Witn., Rich. Creswick and Examinations. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

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[fol. 118] Also by another Inquisition held at Pontefract 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, before Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., and his fellow Justices.

JURORS—Thomas Hippon, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Shillito, gent., Christopher Bowman, Thomas Lawtie, Ralph Swift, John Jowett, James Harrison, George Dibb, W<sup>m</sup> Snawden, Richard Thompson, Henry Browne, James Kitson, and Godfrey Petty.

WHO PRESENT—William Gomersall of Gomersall, laborer, for stealing on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, at Thorneover,<sup>1</sup> 2 mares, color the one black brown, the other a gray, value 30s. each, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Hudson. Witn., Wm. Hudson, Bart. Walker, Tho. Yeadon. (Committed to York Castle.)

Thomas Dickonson of Bentley, husbandman, for stealing there on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1639, two lambs, value 4s., the property of Richard Foster. Witn., Rich. Foster, Mary Foster. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

John Halliday of Wetherbie, blacksmith, for stealing at Collingham on the last day of Febr., 1639(-40), a halter (*capistrum*), value 2*d*., the property of Oswald Admergill. Witn., Oswald Admergill. (In the King's service.)

[118*d*] James Gleidhill of Slaighthwate, laborer, and Jenet Gleidhill of the same, spinster, for stealing there on 28 Feb., 1639(-40), one ewe sheep, value 2s. 6*d*., the property of Abraham Hirst and John Shay. Witn., Jo. Armitage. (Both put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Thomas Stevenson, gent., Bridgett Slacke, wife of John Slacke, clerk, Alverey Moulson, husbandman, Thomas Moulson, husb<sup>n</sup>, W<sup>m</sup> Smyth, husb<sup>n</sup>, Thomas Lawe, husb<sup>n</sup>, Alverey Lawe, husb<sup>n</sup>, and Thomas Hall, husb<sup>n</sup>, all of Cantley, for on the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1639(-40), tracing hares by their footprints in the snow at Hatefeild, and killing 5 hares with greyhounds and taking them away. Witn., Rob. Union. (Stevenson, Slacke, Alverey Lawe put themselves, not guilty. The two Moulsons, Smith, and Hall at large.)

<sup>1</sup> Thorner.



John Hill of Churwell, in the parish of Batley, mason, for having on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1639(-40), "reteyned" John Wriglesworth as subtenant or inmate in a house of his there without assigning to that house 4 acres of land according to the Statute. Witn., Tho. Pettie, Jo. Holdsworth. (At large.)

[fol. 119] Reginald Thompson, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Bradfeild, yeoman, for having there on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1640, and at divers other times, both before and after, with a handgun charged with powder and hail shot killed and taken away certain pigeons, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Nich. Thompson. (Puts himself.)

Abraham Robertshawe of Clayton, clothier, for being on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1639(-40), and at divers other times, before and after, a common Barrator there, disturber of the peace, and oppressor of his neighbours, by inciting law suits, etc. Witn., Jonas Robertshawe, Jo. Ambler, Jo. Bothomley, Chr. Wooller, Tho. Hollings. (At large.)

Christopher Greene of Seacroft, yeoman, for on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1639(-40), ploughing up the King's highway between the market town of Leeds and the City of York, in a place in Seacroft, lying between the town of Seacroft and a lane leading between Leeds and Seacroft, called Cowburne Laine, otherwise Leeds Laine, and enclosing the same with ditches, so that the King's subjects could not go thereon with horses, carts, or carriages without great danger, to the grievous annoyance of all his neighbours, and the bad example of others. Witn., Tho. Snell, Ant. Sunderland. (At large. At Wakefeild, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, confesses the indictment, the fine is taxed at 5s., estreated, paid Sheriff.)

[119d] Richard Radclyffe of Hunslett, tanner, and John Wetherhead of the same, yeoman, for on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1639, at Rothwell, tracing in the snow, killing and carrying away 4 hares. Witn., Tho. Parker. (Both at large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

George Diconson of Greenehammerton, husbandman, for that on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1640, and at divers times, before and after, being an Alehouse keeper there, he did sell to divers of the King's lieges and subjects drink and beer (*potum et cervisiam*), and did not observe the Assize, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Rob. Rudd. (At large.)

William Hall of Hatefeild, husbandman, for unlawfully taking there on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1639, "nyne phesant egges," and converting them to his own use, to the grievous damage of Arthur Ingram, sen<sup>r</sup>, knight, against the form of the Statute.

Witn., John Elwicke. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty.)

Samuel Waddington, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Otterburne, yeoman, and W<sup>m</sup> Newall of Morton, laborer, for on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1640, breaking into the house of Mary Turner there, and breaking the doors thereof. Witn., Isa. Wood, Jos. Turner. (Put themselves, guilty, fine £3 6s. 8d., paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 120] William Illingworth of Calverley, miller, for unlawfully taking and carrying away there on 26 Feb., 1639(-40), a sack value 12d., and "a pecke of oatemeale" value 10d., the property of George Peele. Witn., Anne Peele. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Bridget Slacke, wife of John Slacke of Cantley, clerk, Alfred Moulson of the same, husbandman, and W<sup>m</sup> Bradburie of the same, laborer, for on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1639(-40), at Hatefeild, tracing 2 hares by following their footprints in the snow with greyhounds, and killing and taking them away. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Elwicke, Ro. Union. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

That the King's highway between Leeds and Bradford, in a place between Birstall bridge and Staningley greene, is now in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of Bramley ought to repair the same before the sessions to be held after Michaelmas next, under a penalty of £10.

That the King's highway between the town of Seacroft and the market town of Leeds, and leading between the town of Seacroft and the City of York, in a place called Seacroft Towne end towards Tadcaster, is now in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Whitchurch ought to repair the same before the sessions after Michaelmas next, under a penalty of £10.

[120d] That the King's highway between Leeds and Bradford, in a place lying between Stanley Greene and Bradford Moore, is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Calverley ought to repair the same before the Sessions after the Feast of St Thomas the Martyr next, under a penalty of £10. (Respited until the next sessions after St Michael.)

That the King's highway between Burley and Ottley is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Ottley ought to repair the same, as above.

That the King's highway between the market town of Wakefeild and the town of Elmsall, in a lane there between Braken hill and Elmsall, is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of South Kirkby ought to repair the same, as above. (Respited to next sessions. At Doncaster, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1640, the penalty is exonerated.)



That the King's highway between the market towns of Wakefeild and Hallifax, in a place lying between Wakefeild and the New Parke, is now in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Wakefeild ought to repair the same, as above.

That the same highway, lying between a place called the New Parke and the town of Dewsburie, is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Dewsburie ought to repair the same, as above. (At Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, it is exonerated.)

That the King's highway between the market towns of Wakefeild and Leeds, in a lane there between Wakefeild and the Out Wood, is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Wakefeild ought to repair the same, as above.

[fol. 121] That the same highway, in a lane there between Rodwell haighe and the town of Hunslett, is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Rodwell ought to repair the same, as above.

A Penalty of £40 was laid upon the inhabitants of the Parish of Hickleton that they sufficiently repair the King's highway between the market towns of Doncaster and Wakefeild, in a place there near Hickleton Moore, within the parish of Hickleton, which is now in great decay, before the next sessions, by the view of Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, one of the Justices.

A like Penalty of £40 was laid upon the inhabitants of Fetherston and Pontefract that they sufficiently repair the King's highway between the town of Ackworth and the market town of Pontefract, in a lane there within the parishes of Fetherston and Pontefract, which is now in great decay, etc., before the next sessions, as above, by the view of Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>. (Penalty against Pontefract is exonerated, etc.)

A Penalty of £10 is laid upon Thomas Foster of Smawes, gent., that he sufficiently repair the King's highway between the town of Tadcaster and Newton, in a place there called the Smawes, which is now in great decay, etc., before the next sessions, by the view of Edward Stanhope, esq., one of the Justices. (On certificate remaining in Court, the penalty is exonerated.)

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#### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 101] **Cudworth Assessments.** Forasmuch as itt was formerlye ordered att the last generall quarter sessions of peace holden at Barnesley 16 Jan., 14 Chas. (...), that all assessmentes, to be made within the towneship of Cudworth, shold be assessed and made according to the quan-

titye and qualitie of acres, haveing respect to everye man's personall estate over and above the lands they occupie and enjoye, Now THIS CORT doth fully explaine themselves that the said order shall onely extend unto the assessment for releife of the poore, and their auncient custome for the constable and church layes is to be observed and not broken.

**Pension soldier.** Upon credible informacon given unto this Court of the good service done and performed by Robert Scott, a penconed soldier within this W.R., who hath beene in service in the Lowe Countreyes by the space of two yeares last past, and therupon his pencon was suspended, onely because of his absence out of the countrey, ORDERED that Thomas Bosseville, esq., now threasurer for lame soldiers, shall pay and satisfie unto the said Robert Scott the sume of three poundes being due unto him as the arreares of his said pencon.

**Pension refused.** Upon heareing of Robert Viccars, a soldier, who hath brought lres. from the Lordes of his Maties right ho<sup>ble</sup> councell, and alsoe from the right ho<sup>ble</sup> the lord leiftennante of Ireland, for that itt appeareth that the said Robert Viccars was not pressed out of this W.R., ORDERED that the threasurer for lame soldiers shall give unto the said Robert Viccars fortye shillings in reward, upon his promise that he will not troble or move this W.R. for any pencon hereafter.

**Treasurer for Lame Soldiers.** [101d] Forasmuch as Thomas Jopson, esq., and George Marwood, esq., threasurers for lame soldiers for this yeare last past, have accompted for the monyes by them received and disbursed, and the said Mr Jopson is arreare and out of purse the summe of fortye five shillinges eight pence, over and above the monyes by him received, ORDERED that Edward Stanhope, esq., and Thomas Bosseville, esq., shall succeed in that office, and that the said Mr Bosseville, being now threasurer for this halfe yeare, shall pay and satisfie unto the said Mr Jopson the saide summe, which was by him expended and disbursed for the service of the countrey as is aforesaid.

**Hambleton Cawsey.** Forasmuch as divers the inhabitantes of Selby, and other places nere adjoyneing, have petitioned this Cort and informed the great ruyne and decay of Hambleton cawsey, being the high roade way from Halifax, Bradford, Leedes, and Wakefeild unto the markett towne of Selby and the towne of Kingston upon Hull, which cawsey is two miles in length, and soe extraordinariely broken and decayed with cartes and cariages that the said inhabitantes therabouts



are not able to repaire and maintaine itt, THIS CORT doth therefore intreat Edward Stanhope, esq., and Gervase Hamond, esq., two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, to veiwe the said cawsey and highwaye, and examine the defectes therof, and certifie what summe in their opinions will repaire the same, and the abilitie of the parishes adjoyneing, that then such course may be taken as to lawe and justice shall appertaine.

**Committal to York Castle.** Forasmuch as Elizabeth Dilworthe, wife of Robert Dilworthe of Abberford, stands indited and convicted before his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace here assembled for the takeing and unlawfull deteyneing and keepeing of ninetye eight poundes tenn shillings, being the goodes and monyes of one Richard Ennis, gent., and being fined unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> use the summe of fower poundes tenn shillings, contemptuously refuseth to pay the same, ORDERED that the said Elizabeth Dilworth shall stand committed unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> prison at the castle of Yorke, untill she shall satisfie unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> use the said summe, or otherwise be thence delivered by due course of lawe.

[102] **High Constable.** Whereas Peter Sunderland, gent., one of the high constables in the wapentacke of Agbrigg and Morley, hath satisfied this Cort of his earnest affaires and ymployment in his owne affaires and busines, soe that he cannot without his owne great losse and dammage attend the execucon of that office, ORDERED that William Horton the yonger, of Barksland, gent., shall attend upon Mr Doctor Marshe, or some other of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, there to take the oath of a high constable for that wapentacke, and to attend that place accordinglye, and the said Mr Sunderland to be discharged.

**High Constables.** Whereas William Walker and Nicholas Kirke, gent., have, according to the usual custome observed in this W.R., served the office of high constables within that wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill for the space of three yeares now last past, and now desire to be dischardged of their attendance upon that service, ORDERED that William Childers, gent., and Anthonye Goodwine, gent., shall attend upon some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices in the said wapentacke, and take the oath for the execucon of that office, and applye themselves to the same accordinglye.

**Constable's grievances.** Forasmuch as Paule Inkresall of Adwicke upon the street petitioned this Cort, and showed therein divers and sundrye greevances which happened to him dureing the time he was constable of that towne, THIS CORT doth therefore intreat Darcy Washington, esq., and Christofer

Wormley, gent., to examine the contentes of the said peticon, and doe therein what they in their discrecons shall thincke fitting.

**Relief of Poor.** ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the par. of Darrington shall allow to Dorathy Whitehead of that place, widow, twelve pence weekly towards providing for herself and three young children.

**Restitution.** [102*d*] Forasmuch as itt is informed unto this Cort that Diones Townend and Elizabeth Guest, being neere neighbours unto Elizabeth Coldwell, a yonge girle, in Barnesley, did by persuacions and other inticementes obteyne and gett out of her possession the summe of seaventeene poundes or therabouts, which they have converted unto their owne use, and wasted the same in idle expences, ORDERED that the said Diones and Elizabeth shall make restitucon of all such monyes as shall appeare that they have received from the said Eliz: Coldwell, or els to be committed to his Mat<sup>es</sup> howse of correcon att Wakefeild untill they shall performe the same.

**High Constable.** Forasmuch as Jonas Squire, high constable within the wapentacke of Ewcrosse, informed this Cort that he hath served and executed that office by the space of three yeares last past, and now desireth to be dischargd thereof, ORDERED that Thomas Blakeling of Sedberghe shall forthwith, upon sight hereof, repaire unto William Lowther, esq., one of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices, and there take the oath of a high constable for the said wapentacke, and that the said Jonas Squire shalbe from thenceforth dischargd of the said place.

**Lumbye assessments.** Forasmuch as divers differences have depended, and as yett doe depend, betwixt th'inhabitantes of Lumbye<sup>1</sup> and Philipp Hungate, esq., about the payment of his layes and assessmentes within that constablerye, THIS CORT doth therefore intreat Edward Stanhope, esq., John Savile, esq., Gervase Hamond, esq., three of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices, or any two of them, that they will att some convenient tyme call both partyes before them, and heare their allegacons, and conceive such order therein that the saide layes and assessmentes be paide and satisfied unto the said constable without further delaye.

**Restoration of stolen property.** Forasmuch as Ann Hopkinson, wife unto John Hopkinson, of Sheffield, tinker, standes convicted at this present sessions for the felonious stealeing

<sup>1</sup> In the township of Huddlestons-with-Lumby, parish of Sherburn, wapentake of Barkston Ash, seven miles from Pontefract.



of a browne saye apron, being the goodes of Malin Pye of Sheffield, ORDERED that the now constable of Hallom cum Ecclesall shall forthwith restore the saide parcell of saye unto the said Malin Pye, the right owner thereof.

**Fire.** [fol. 103] Whereas Nicholas Martin of Cridling Stubbs<sup>1</sup> petitioned this Cort and informed that he, haveing a wife and seaven poore children and noethinge to maintaine them withall, itt pleased God that upon 12 June last past there happened a suddaine and violent fire in his howse at Cridling aforesaid, which said fire consumed and burnt his dwelling howse and all his goodes therein, amounteing to the value of thirtye poundes and upwardes, to the utter overthrowe and ruyne of him the said Nicholas, his wife, and children, for which he the said Martin formerly obteyned a collecon within the severall wapentackes of Strafforth and Tickhill, Staincrosse, and Osgoldcrosse, towardes his releife, and hath but collected and gathered in all those wapentackes the summe of five poundes, or theraboutes, which will noe wayes extend to satisfie his great losse, THIS CORT doth therfore intreat the severall ministers and curates of the severall parishes within the wapentackes of Agbrig and Morley, Barkston Ashe, and the borroughe of Leedes, that they will publish the contentes hereof in their severall churches and chappells, and the severall churchwardens of the severall parishes to collect and gather the charitable benevolence of the said inhabitantes, for and towardes the releife of him the said Nicholas, etc.

**Constable's Accounts.** Wheras divers differences and suites doe depend betweene Leonard Stanley and John Saunderson of Mexbroughe, about a distresse taken by him the said Stanley of the goodes of the saide Saunderson, he the said Stanley being then constable there, and wheras further the said Stanley informeth that the inhabitantes of Mexbroughe and he the said Stanley doe differ about his accountes dureing the time he was constable, for the ending and determineing of all which differences, THIS CORT doth intreat Mr William Saunderson of Blithe, in the co. of Notts., to call the said Leonard Stanley and John Saunderson before him, and mediate a peace betwixt them, and if any such differences doe arise, as aforesaid, betweene the said inhabitantes of Mexbroughe and the said Stanley about his accountes, then itt is desired that Mr Kay, parson of Barmbroughe, and Mr Leadbeater, parson of Thri-barghe, will heare and determine all such differences as shall soe happen betwixt them.

<sup>2</sup> In the parishes of Womersley and Darrington, Wapentake of Osgoldcross, Liberty of Pontefract, two and a-half miles from Ferrybridge.

**Desertion.** [103d] Forasmuch as complainte is made unto this Cort that William Hill, late one of th'inhabitan<sup>t</sup>es of the parishe of Rawmarshe, is lately runne away, and hath left Edward Hill, his sonne, a poore child, destitute of meanes for to releife, provyde for, and maintaine him, and for that Rafe Hill of Clifton, in the par. of Conisbroughe, grandfather to the said child, is of abilitie to provyde for and maintaine him, as is alleadged, ORDERED that the said Rafe Hill shall take and provyde for the said Edward Hill as the lawe in that case doth appointe, untill he cann showe good cause why he shold not provyde for him.

**Constable's Account.** Forasmuch as itt was formerly ordered that Henry Petcher, late constable of Usleete [*sic*], shold make his accounte before Mr. Thomas Bointon of Rawclyffe for such monyes as he received and disbursed in that office, which he hath delayed, and not accompted for as he was enjoyned, ORDERED that if the saide Henry Petcher doe not upon notice hereof attend the said Mr. Bointon, and make and finish his accounte unto him, the inhabitan<sup>t</sup>es of Usleete [*sic*] being present to object against him, then upon complainte made to any of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices he to be taken bound over to appeare att the next generall quarter sessions to be holden for this W.R., and in the meanetyme to be of good behaviour, and soe to be continued untill he shall performe the same.

**Cottage.** [fol. 104] Whereas John Coverdale of Quarmby, taylor, hath informed this Cort that he, being settled in a howse in Quarmby under John Taylor, his landlord, the said John Taylor is fearfull to be presented as a cottager, because the said Coverdale doth not occupie and enjoye fower acres of land with the said cottage according to the Statute, now for that the said Coverdale is a poore man, and if he was putt out of that howse wold be destitute of harbour and house roome, and soe chardgable unto thinhabitan<sup>t</sup>es of the par. of Huddersfeild, ORDERED that the said Coverdale shall remaine and continue in that howse where he is now settled without any danger unto Taylor, the landlord.

**Bastardy.** In a case of basterdy betweene John Bushell of Brodsworth and Margrett Jubb, now of Camelsforth, ORDERED that the said John Bushell shall allowe and pay weeklye unto the said Margarett from the birth of the said child the summe of eight pence, towards the maintaineing of the said child untill itt shall accomplish the age of seaven yeares, and then the said child to be putt apprentice according to lawe, and itt is further ordered that if [*sic*] Francis Bushell,



father of the said John, shall restore and deliver unto the said Margaret Jubb a cove which he hath of hers, or els upon complainte made to any of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices he to be taken bound to answeare his contempt the next sessions.

**Tobacco Selling.** [104d] Whereas sundrye complaintes are made unto this Cort that one John Bailye of Wombwell, licenced to sell tobacco by his Mat<sup>ies</sup> [Commissioners] within Darfeild parishe and Wathe parishe, doth sell and vent naughtye tobacco at unreasonable rates, and hath and doth exact divers summes of money of divers persons undulye by color of warrantes from his Mat<sup>es</sup> commissionerres in that behalfe, and hath served divers warrantes for their personall appearance before the said Commissionerres, and for that itt appeareth this day in Cort upon oath that he selleth tobacco after the rate of twentye pence an ounce, and better tobacco is sold for six pence an ounce at Barnesley, being the next markett towne, and yett prohibieth the said inhabitantes from buying tobacco elsewhere but of him the said Bailye, THIS CORT, unwilling to take any course therein without first acquaintinge his Mat<sup>es</sup> Commissionerres and Pattentees with the premisses, have thought fitt to certifie unto the said Commissionerres and Pattentees and acquainte them with the proceedinges of the said Bailye in this busines, that such course may be taken for their releife herein as to them shall seeme meete, and that Thomas Addye and George Swinden, or some for them, attend the said Commissionerres and Pattentees pleasure herein.

**Restitution of goods.** Whereas the summe of nine pounds seaven shillings and a nagg was deposited in the handes of William Greene, John Malinge and John Janson, constables of Rotheram, being the monyes of one Thomas Cranwell, who was there arreasted for purse cutting, and committed to his Mat<sup>es</sup> gaole at the castle of Yorke, where he received his legall tryall for the said felonye, and was there legally dischargd and acquitted, and therfore ought to have restitucon of that monyes, now for that itt appeareth that the said William Greene, John Malinge, and John Janson have disbursed by the appointment of the said Cranwell's wife unto his use, and in their chardges expended and disbursed about him, all the said summe except fortye shillings, ORDERED that the said constables shall pay and restore unto the said Cranwell's use the said summe of fortye shillings and deliver him the nagg aforesaid, and that the said Cranwell shall seale an acquittance and release unto the said constables for their dischargd.

**Fire.** [fol. 105] Forasmuch as this Cort is informed by

certificate from divers of the inhabitantes of Selby, Brayton, and other places nere, that one William Greaves of Bucton, in the par. of Brayton, being an honest laboreing man, and liveing honestly and diligently in his vocacon and callinge, haveing a wife and fowre small children, the eldest being not above tenn yeares old, and maintaineing himselfe, his wife, and children very well, itt soe pleased God that upon 17 Marche last past there happened a fearfull and lamentable fire in his dwelling howse at Brayton which consumed his said dwelling house, corne, hay, and other household goodes to the value of fiftie poundes and upwardes, to the utter undoeing and impoverishinge of the said William Graves, his wife and children, who are now destitute of harbour, etc., and for the said Graves hath in open Cort made oath of the truth of the premisses, and that his losse sustayned amounteth to the full value of fiftie poundes, THIS CORT doth therfore intreate the ministeres and curates of the severall parishes within this W.R. that they will publish the contentes hereof in their severall churches, etc., and that the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of the said severall parishes will gather and collecte, etc.

**A Soldier.** Forasmuch as this Cort is fully certified of the good service done and performed by Thomas Lillye, gent. and soldier, who is now to goe forward in this expedicon for Scotland in his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service under the commaund of Sir George Wentworth, knt., and Collonell of a regiment of foote, ORDERED that the now threasurer for hurt soldieres shall paye and satisfie unto the said Mr Lillye the summe of five poundes in reward to furnish him in this his intended journey, and upon his returne this Cort doth promise to take his good service into consideracon, and allowe him a competent yearly pencon for his livelyhood hereafter.

**Settlement.** [105*d*] Upon the peticon of th'inhabitan<sup>tes</sup> of Cowicke, who informe that one Elizabeth Stephenson, of the par. of Thurne, being there begott with child by one William Smith of Thurne, in the service of Edward Candye, departed out of her said service and became a wanderer, who stayering casually in Cowicke a nighte was there delivered of her said child, and the said inhabitantes of Thurne doe now labour to impose the chardge of provydeing for that basterd upon the said inhabitantes of Cowicke, and to settle the said Elizabeth Stephenson there, ORDERED that the said child and the said Elizabeth Stephenson shalbe remaunded and sent from Cowicke unto Thurne, and there settled as by lawe they oughte. And upon complainte now made unto this Cort by the inhabitantes



of Thurne the said Elizabeth Stephenson is committed unto the house of correccion for a yeare because them of Thurne are willing to provyde for the said basterd, Butt itt is thought fitt and soe ordered that Edward Candye shall either pay unto the said inhabitantes the summe of five poundes to provyde for the said basterd or els provyde for the same, because he putt the said Elizabeth Stephenson unlegally [*sic*] out of his service.

**Mirfeild bridge.** Wheras certificate is made unto this Cort of the great ruyne and decay of Mirfeild bridge, in the wapentacke of Agbrig and Morley, which bridge is very usefull for the severall inhabitantes of the said W.R., and yett is not in the booke of bridges to be repaired att the whole chardge of the said W.R., but hath formerly beene repaired at the chardge of the said wapentacke, and for that this Cort is satisfied that the summe of a hundreth poundes will but repaire and finishe the worke there, ORDERED that the said summe shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke, and collected by the high constables there and paid over unto Richard Beamont, esq., Jeremy Rodes, Henry Rodes, and Thomas Shepley, who are to see the said summe husbandly bestowed in that worke and accounte for the same accordinglye.

**Hampethwaite bridge.** [fol. 106] Forasmuch as Thomas Mauliverer, esq., and Ingram Hopton, esq., two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, have informed and certified this Cort of the great decayes and ruynes of Hampethwaite bridge, in the wapentacke of Claro, and that the said bridge will not be new builte of stone there under the summe of fower hundreth poundes, and the scarcitye of wood there is such that itt is not possible to provyde wood to rebuild the same, and for that the said bridge is not in the Booke of bridges to be repaired at the chardge of the whole W.R., but hath formerly beene repaired by the said wapentacke of Claro, ORDERED that such somme or summes of monyes as two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices next adjoyneing therunto, being of that wapentacke, shall thincke fitt to be allowed to the repaire thereof shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke, and forthwith collected by the high constables there and paid over unto such surveyors as the said justices shall appointe, etc.

**Bastardy.** Upon heareing of Adam Eyre of the par. of Peniston, yeoman, about the payment of some monyes due by one James Turton unto one Mary Turner of that parishe, for the provydeing for of a basterd child begotten by him upon the bodye of the said Mary Turner, and the said Adam Eyre haveing engaged himselfe for the payment thereof, ORDERED

that the said Eyre shall pay unto the said Mary Turner £4 10s. in satisfaccion of that summe due unto her from the said Turton, and 10s. for her chardges sustained in prosecuteing against the said Eyre and Turton, and if the said basterd child be hereafter chardgable to the inhabitantes of that parishe, then the said Mary Turner to be committed to the howse of Correcon at Wakefeild, there to be punnished according as the lawe in that case doth appointe.

**Crookey layne bridge.** [106*d*] Whereas Sir Henry Bellingham, knt. and bart., Christofer Phillipson and Gawen Braythwaite, esqres., three of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace within the co. of Westmerland, have certified unto this Cort that they have already allowede out of that county the summe of £30 for and towards the new building of a bridge commonly called Crookey layne bridge, which bridge is and hath beene alwayes joyntlie maintained and repaired att the chardge of the said co. of Westmerland and the wapentackes of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse in this W.R., and therfore they desired that the same summe might be forthwith allowed out of the said wapentackes for the said worke, to make up the summe of three score poundes formerly allowed out of the said county and wapentackes, a hundreth and twentye poundes, which they conceive will but finish that worke, ORDERED that the summe of thirtye poundes shalbe estreated upon the said wapentackes, and collected by the high constables there and paide over unto John Cowper, gent., and Richard Brauthwaite, who are appointed to see the said severall summes bestowed accordinglye, and for that the said Cowper informeth that he is out of purse a valuable summe of monyes in prosecuteing and attending about procureing the orders in the said co. of Yorke, for the repaire of the saide bridge, Itt is further desired that two of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices in the said wapentackes will consider of his accounte, and allowe such chardges unto him for the monyes by him expended in this busines, as they in their discrecons shall thincke fitting.

**High Constables.** Whereas Richard Cudworth, gent., and George Cowper, gent., have served the office of high constables within the wapentacke of Staincrosse by the space of three yeares last past, and doe now desire to be dischardged according to the usuall custome observed in this W.R., ORDERED that John Firth of Cumberworth and Anthony Jenkinson of Shafton shall attend upon his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace to be assembled att Barnesley upon Wednesday, 23 inst., and there take the oath for execucon of that office and apply themselves to the same accordinglye.



**Idle assessments.** [fol. 107] Upon open heareing of the differences depending amongst the inhabitantes of Idle about the payment of their layes and assessmentes for his Mat<sup>es</sup> service, forasmuch as this Cort is informed that there is fowre hundreth acres of woody ground which is ymproved and brought into husbandrye, and severall howses erected and built ther-upon, and yett the owners and occupiers therof refuse to pay their said layes proporconablye with the rest of the inhabitantes there, ORDERED, by consent of both partyes, that the said new ymproved lands shalbe rated and assessed proporconablye, according to the quantitye and qualitye of the acres everye one occupieth, with the rest of the other landes in that towneshipp or lordshipp, att the discrecon of Charles Fairfax, esq., Richard Brighowse, gent., Tristram Kitson, and Zacharye Collyer, and in the meane tyme the layes to be paid as they have beene formerlye.

**Womersley Assessments.** [107d] Forasmuch as George Twisleton of Womersley, gent., hath petitioned and informed this Cort that there is great inequallitye in their layes and assessmentes within that parishe by reason that William Turner, being refractorye and obstinate, refuseth to consent to the said layes and assessmentes, ORDERED that all landes that everye person or persons occupie within that parish shalbe assessed according to quantitye and qualitye of acres, and the impropriacons there according to estimacon, and the said assessmentes to be from tyme to tyme assessed by the constable for the time being, two freeholders, and two tennantes of that parishe hereafter.

**Fire.** Forasmuch as Issabell Hodgson of Selby, widow, and Richard Ibbotson of the same, blacksmith, have petitioned unto this Cort and showed that upon 26 March was twelve moneth there happened a fearfull and lamentable fire in both their dwelling howses, which fire continued by the space of five howers and upwardes, and but onely that itt pleased God att that tyme there was good helpe of soldieres and others that was billeted there the whole towne had beene consumed and burnte, by which suddaine accident the said Hodgson and Ibbottson had both their dwelling howses and outhouses burnte, together with all their houshold stufte and other furniture, the losse whereof amounted unto £50 and upwardes, etc., THIS CORT doth therefore intreat the severall ministers and curates of the severall parishes and chappells within this W.R. that they will publishe the contentes hereof in their severall churches and chappells, and the churchwardens to collect the charitable

benevolence of the severall inhabitantes towardes the releife of the said poore people in this their distresse and miserye.

**Bastardy.** [fol. 108] In a case of basterdy betweene John Midlebroughe of Thurne, husbandman, and Elizabeth Reynard of the same, spinster, ORDERED that the said Midlebroughe shall pay unto the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Thurne tenn pence weeklye towardes the maintenance of the base child for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years, and then he to provyde for the same at his owne proper chardges, and the said Reynard is to stand committed unto the howse of Correcon at Wakefeild for a yeare, there to be corrected and punished according to the orderes of that howse.

**Expedition to Scotland.** Forasmuch as Mallorye Normavile, gent., a penconed soldier within this W.R., hath certified this Cort that he is to goe forth with this expedicon for Scotland, and being now destitute of apparell and other necessaryes fitting for his maintnance, ORDERED that the Threasurer for lame soldieres shall give unto the said Normavile 40s., and the said monyes soe to be ymployed and paid to him to be deposited in the handes of Mr. Thomas Lillye, for to be ymployed for his Normavile's use.

**Cottage.** [108d] Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of Sandall magna have certified upon the behalfe of James Elam, their neighbour, that he and his predecessores of the howse where he now dwelleth have formerly had a cottage in a lathe end nere unto his howse, and that the fire in the cottage was within fower foote of his haye and corne, wherupon he, considering the danger and doubting what harme might arise to his howseing and goodes by reason of that fire, agreed with one [blank], the dweller thereon, to remove from itt, and built them [sic] another cottage further of, and hath converted the old cottage into a barne as formerly itt was, soe that there is but still one dwellinge, and therefore he desired the allowance and approbacon of this Cort for the said new erecon, THIS CORT, being satisfied that the said new cottage is built with the consent of the officers of that parishe, and that those that inhabite in itt are poore people, and ought to be provyded of harbour by the inhabitantes of that parishe if they shold be removed, doe confirme and allowe of the said new erecon as much as in them lyeth, and as the lawe in that case hath appointed.

**Overseer's Accounts.** Upon certificate made unto this Cort by Mr. John Noble, minister of Whitguifte, and Thomas Bointon, gent., upon a reference made unto them from his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace to examine the chardges expended by John



Stephenson, the elder, and John Stephenson, the yonger, in prosecuteing against Thomas Stephenson, overseer of the poore in Whitguifte, who deteyned in his handes the summe of 3*li.* 15*s.* 4*d.* of the poore monyes of that parishe, and for that they find that the said John Stephenson, the elder, and John Stephenson, the yonger, hath disbursed the summe of 3*ls.* in the said prosecucion, ORDERED that the said Thomas Stephenson shall forthwith pay the said 3*ls.* unto the said John Stephenson, the elder, and John Stephenson, the yonger, and shall att his goeing out of the said office of overseer accounte for the monyes he hath in his handes, viz., the said summe of 3*li.* 15*s.* 4*d.* before the said inhabitantes of Whitguifte, or upon his deniall to be bound over to answeare the premisses the next sessions to be holden for this W.R.

**Norton assessments.** [fol. 109] Whereas the inhabitantes of Norton petitioned and informede this Cort that they formerly obteyned an order for rateing the layes and assessmentes in the saide towne of Norton according to the quantitye and qualite of their landes, and forasmuch as the landes in Fenwicke, being parte of that constablarye is of better yearly value then the groundes in Norton, and they which enjoye and occupie those landes doe not pay proporconablye with them of Norton, ITT was therfore desired by the said inhabitantes of Norton that the owners and occupiers of those groundes in Fenwicke might be assessed and pay their proporconable partes of all layes and assessmentes according to the quantitye and qualite of the landes they occupie and enjoye which this Cort conceiveth to be reasonable and doth order the same accordinglye.

**Conveyance of Cripples.** Whereas itt was formerly ordered by this Cort that the inhabitantes of Cridlinge and Stapleton shold pay unto the inhabitantes of Darrington the summe of 5*s.*, either of them, yearlye, for and towards the chardge of conveying of cripples towards Doncaster, and soe backe from thence northwardes, now for that the saide former order is not observed, but them of Cridlinge are chardged with conveying the said cripples towards Doncaster southwardes, and soe from Cridlinge to Knottingley northwardes backe againe, ORDERED that the said inhabitantes of Darrington and Stapleton shall, either of them, contribute yearlye unto the said inhabitantes of Cridlinge the summe of 5*s.*, for and towards their chardge as aforesaid.

**Committal Order.** Forasmuch as William Gomersall of Gomersall, laborer, and William Sykes of Darfeild, blacksmith, standes indicted at these sessions for severall offences, viz.,

the said Gomersall for horse stealeing, and the said Sykes for the felonious burneing of a dwelling howse at Darfeild, for which saide offences the said Gomersall and Sykes have not as yett received their legall tryalles, ORDERED that they shall be committed unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> jaole at the castle of Yorke, there to remaine untill they shall have received their legall tryalles, or be otherwise delivered by due course of lawe.

**Deane moore assessments.** [109*d*] Forasmuch as this Cort is informed by Michaell Greene of Deanegrange in the towneshipp of Horsforth, gent., that a great parte of Deane moore, being about a hundreth and fiftie acres, formerly being all occupied and enjoyed as appurtenant to Deanegrange, is since inclosed and tilled by otheres and made of good yearlye value, yett the said M<sup>r</sup> Greene is noethinge att all eased in his assessmentes, wherein he is much overchardged, ORDERED that the tennantes of those acres of land shalbe hereafter chardged in a fitt proporcon to contribute with the said Mr. Greene in his assessmentes, which is assessed upon the whole land belonging unto Deanegrange, especially if they be not assessed for that (*sic*) landes elsewhere, viz., the summe of twelve pence at a laye of three shillings, as they, or some for them, paid since the last sessions for this W.R.

**Wrongfull indictment.** Forasmuch as Ann Norfolke of Barnesley, widowe, preferred a bill of inditement at the last generall quarter sessions of peace holden at Barnesley against Robert Robertes, William Parkinson, and otheres, churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of the par. of Felkirke, for contemptuously refuseing to performe an order of this Cort for the provydeing for of a howse in Felkirke for the habitacon of the said Ann, unto which inditement the said Robertes and Parkinson appeared and pleaded not guiltye, and upon their traverse and full evidence being heard of both partyes the said Robertes and Parkinson were found not guiltye and acquitted of the said inditement, ORDERED that the said Ann shall content and pay unto the said Robertes and Parkinson 10s. for their chardges wrongfully expended by the prosecucon of the said Ann in makeing their defence to the said inditement.

**High Constables.** [fol. 110] For that this Cort is informed that Christofer Bainton of Ilkley, gent., and Richard Bywater of Great Purston, gent., high constables within the wapentacke of Skiracke, have served in that office by the space of three yeares last past, ORDERED that William Mawde of Burley, gent., and John Taylor of Barwicke in Elmet shall succeed them in that office, and attend some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of



peace, there to take the oath for the execucon of that office accordingly.

**Enclosing high way.** Wheras the Jurie or grand inquest for our soveraigne lord the Kinge have presented that Christofer Greene of Seacrofte, yeoman, hath inclosed the Kinges high waye leadeing betweene the markett towne of Leedes and the cittye of Yorke in Seacrofte, in a certaine place lyeing betweene Seacrofte towne and a layne called Cowburne layne *als.* Leedes layne, ORDERED that the said Greene shall cast out and laye open the said King's high waye before 1 Maye next, upon paine of fortye poundes.

**Pensioned soldiers.** Upon credible informacon given unto this Cort of the good service performed by William Singleton, John Browne, John Stringer and Thomas Haighe, soldiers, ORDERED that the said persons shall have pencons assigned them, namely, the said Singleton 40s., Browne 40s., Stringer and Haighe, either of them, 20s., to be yearly paid by the Thresurer for lame soldieres.

**Claim for pension.** [110d] Whereas itt pleased the R<sup>t</sup> Ho<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Leiftenante generall of Ireland to commend unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace here assembled by his letter one Robert Viccars, a soldier, to be a penconer, who alsoe was commended by letters from the R<sup>t</sup> Ho<sup>ble</sup> the Lordes and otheres of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> most ho<sup>ble</sup> privye councell, upon heareing the said Viccars in open Cort this day, he informeth that he was pressed out of London for service into the Ile of Rhes, but afterwarde confesseth that he never was in that expedicon, and one M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lillye, being present, deposeth that he did see the said Viccars at Flambroughe nere about that tyme when the Ile of Rhes was taken, and whereas the said Viccars further informeth that he was a soldier under Captaine Darcye Swifte in Denmarke, one Thomas Burton, being likewise present in Cort, who served as a corporall in that service under the said Captaine Swifte, affirmeth upon oath that he knew the said Viccars, a servant and footeman unto the said Captaine Swifte at Lucksted in Denmarke, but never knew him mustred as a soldier or upon any service, THEREFORE his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace have forborne to allowe the said Viccars any pencon, being perswaded that he hath not beene prest, nor upon any service for his Ma<sup>tie</sup>, but have given unto him 40s. towards the beareing of his expences and chardges in comming from London into this cuntrye, and doe order that certificate be made hereof unto the said R<sup>t</sup> ho<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Leiftenante of Ireland accordinglye.

**High Constable.** Forasmuch as John Walker, gent., one of the high constables within the wapentacke of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse, informeth this Cort that [he] hath served that office by the space of three yeares, as is usually accustomed, and now desireth to be dischargd and some other elected and sworne in his roome and stead, ORDERED that George Halsted of Haighe, gent., John Sager of Remmington, and Richard Broxvpp of Howden shall attend upon his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace in that wapentacke, who are desired to make choice of some of them, which they thincke fittest to execute that place, and to take him sworne accordinglye.

**High Constable.** [fol. III] Whereas John Lambe and Thomas Everingham, gent., have served the office of high constables within the wapentacke of Osgoldcrosse by the space of three yeares, and now desired to be dischargd of that office, as is usually accustomed in this W.R., ORDERED that John Warde of Tanshelfe and Thomas Steele of Kellington, gent., shall attend upon some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace in that devision, and there take the oath for the execucon of that office, and performe the same accordinglye.

**Bridge Accounts.** Whereas severall summes of monyes have beene allowed out of the W.R., and out of the wapentacke of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse, for the repaireing and maintaineing of bridges in that wapentacke, of which there hath beene noe accounte made and rendred how the same hath beene ymployed, ORDERED that all collectors of monyes for repaire of bridges in that wapentacke, and surveyores of those workes, shall attend upon Sr William Lister, knt., William Lowther, esq., William White, esq., and Edward Parker, esq., fowre of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, or any two of them, att such convenient tyme and place as they please to appointe, and there deliver unto them a just accompte what monyes they have received for the space of nine yeares last for the repaire and maintaineing of bridges within that wapentacke, and how the same hath beene disbursed and disposed of, that the countrey may be satisfied that the said monyes is not misymployed, or converted unto any private uses, but for the publike and generall good of the countrey.

**Expedition to Scotland.** For that Thomas Burton, a penconed soldier in this W.R., is for to goe sriant this expedicon for Scotland under the commaund of Sr George Wentworth, Knt., and collonell, and for the present is not provyded of necessaries, ORDERED that the now Threasurer for lame soldieres shall allowe unto the saide Burton a yeare's pencon beforehand.



**Wragby Assessments.** [111*d*] Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of Wragbye have petitioned and informed this Cort that they are unequallye assessed, in regard they occupieing landes within the constablarye of Purston Jacklinge doe constantlye paye two pence an acre, and those in Purston Jacklinge pay but a pennye an acre, att all their assessmentes, ORDERED that a due and proporconable assessment shalbe made and assessed in that hamlett of all layes and assessmentes whatsoever, according to the quantitye and qualitye of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth.

**Kirksandall. Relief of poor.** Wheras th'inhabitanteres of the par. of Kirksandall have petitioned and informed this Cort that th'inhabitanteres of Trumfleete, being parte of that parish, doe labour and endeavour to separate themselves from the rest of the said parishe in releiveing of their poore, and upon a peticon to the judges the last Assizes about the same they were pleased to declare their opinions that the saide inhabitantes of Trumfleete cold not by lawe be separated or devided from the rest of the saide inhabitantes of that parishe, and his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace here assembled have likewise declared their opinions against the said separacon or devision, ORDERED that the poore in that parishe shalbe maintained and releived equally at the chardge of the whole par. of Kirksandall, and that the inhabitantes of Trumfleete shall joyne in that chardge with the rest of the said inhabitantes, as the lawe in that case doth appointe.<sup>1</sup>

[fol. 112]      Edward Stanhope, esq., } Threasurers.  
                  Thomas Bosseville, esq., }  
                  Penconed soldiers.

Henry Duckett,	xls. all[owed]
Robert Brigges,	iiij <i>li.</i> all.
John Watson,	v <i>li.</i> all.
William Ramscarr,	iiij <i>li.</i> all.
Francis Hammerton,	iiij <i>li.</i> all.
John Hornebye,	v <i>li.</i> all.
Richard Washington,	iiij <i>li.</i> xs. all.
Brian Fawcett,	v <i>li.</i> all.
George Bosseville,	iiij <i>li.</i> all.
John Liversedge,	xls. all.
George Wriglesworth,	v <i>li.</i> xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i> mort.
Andrew Hatton,	iiij <i>li.</i> all.

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Bastardy (108), Cottage (104), Maintenance of bastard child (110), and Settlement (103<sup>d</sup>, 107).

Emanuell Justice,	vjli. all.
Roberte Benson,	vli. all.
John Sisson,	xls. all.
William Fletcher,	xls. all.
Francis Batley,	xxxs. all.
George Doiley,	xxxs. [all. <i>written above</i> , susp. <i>struck</i>
James Rodes,	iiijli. all. <i>out.</i> ]
Thomas Browne,	ls. all.
Francis Jackson,	xls. all.
Richard Taylor,	ls. all.
Thomas Robinson,	xxxs. all.
William Marshall,	xxxs. all.
Jo : Witton,	xxxs. all.
Jo : Graye,	xls. [all. <i>written above</i> , susp. <i>struck</i>
Tho : Butterfeild,	ls. all. <i>out.</i> ]
Ric : Robinson,	xxxs. all.
William Armitage,	xls. all.
William Withes,	viiijli. all.
John Broxvpp,	iiijli. all.
Mich : Jubb,	iiijli. all.
William Milner,	xls. all.
Nicho : Milner,	xls. all.
Geo : Redman,	iiijli. all.
Tho : Dicconson,	iiijli. [mort. <i>written over</i> , susp. <i>smeared out.</i> ]

Ger : Graye, xls. [*blotted*] all.

[112d]

Thomas Clerke,	xxxs. all.
Richard Clayton,	xs. all.
William France,	xxs. [susp. <i>struck out</i> ] all.
Jeremye Evers,	vjli. xiijs. iiijd. all.
Mallorye Normavile,	iiijli. [susp. <i>struck out</i> ] all.
Thomas Burton,	xls. all.
Sam : Cawdrey,	xxxs. all.
Roberte Scott,	xxxs. [mort. <i>written over</i> susp.]
Roger Wentworth,	xxvjs. viijd. all.
William Broadheade,	xxs. [all. <i>written above</i> , susp. <i>struck</i>
	<i>out.</i> ]

Pencons allowed de novo.

John Browne,	xls. all.
William Singleton,	xls. all.
John Stringer,	xxs. all.
Thomas Haighe,	xxs. all.

Pencons suspended quousque etc.



<sup>1</sup> Christofer Lofthowse,	xls. all. at Wakefeild, 16 Jul., 1640
all. Thomas Tweddell,	xls. all. at Wakefeild, 16 Jul., 1640.
all. Thomas Kaye,	iiij <i>li.</i> all. same day, 1640.
Geo : Pate,	xxs.
Nich : Eccles,	xxxxs.
John Fletcher,	iiij <i>li.</i>
all. George Thackrey,	iiij <i>li.</i> all. day and year abovesaid.
all. Henry Lee,	xxxxs. all. at Wakefeild, 16 Jul., 1640.
Rob. Beale,	viiij <i>li.</i>
all. Rafe Normavile,	iiij <i>li.</i> all. day and year abovesaid.
all. Geo. Feild,	xxxxs. all. at Wakefeild, 16 Jul., 1640.
all. Roberte Jameson,	xxxxs.
Tho : Adcooke,	xxs.
all. Jonas Scolefeild,	xs. all. at Wakefeild, 16 Jul., 1640.
all. Rafe Bointon,	xls. all. at Wakefeild same day and year.
all. William Steele,	xls. al. at Wakefeilde.
[fol. 113] Penconers dead as is informed.	
Tho : Dalton,	iiij <i>li.</i>
Rob : Cooke,	iiij <i>li.</i>
Rich : Chippindale,	iiij <i>li.</i>
Thomas Rawson,	xls.
William Frobisher,	vj <i>li.</i>
Jo : Anger,	xxxxs.
Hen : Bubwith,	vj <i>li.</i>
Geo : Clapham,	vj <i>li.</i>
William Netherwood,	iiij <i>li.</i>

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### SKIPTON.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 123] General Sessions held at, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, before William Lister, k<sup>t</sup>, William White, esq., and Edward Parker, esq., Justices.

JURORS—W<sup>m</sup> Garforth, gent., Thomas Lister, gent., jun<sup>r</sup>, Robt. Benson, gent., Roger Whawley, gent., Christ<sup>r</sup> Hartley, gent., John Sager, W<sup>m</sup> Thorpp, Joseph Smythson, Robt. Craven, John Heles, Robt. Bradley, Thomas Clarke, Robt. Clough, Edward Remington, and John Whitwham.

WHO PRESENT—Anthony Furnise of Newhall, laborer, for stealing there on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, “a paire of britches (*caligarum*) value 2s., a dublett value 18*d.*, a hatt value 2*d.*, a paire of showes value 2*d.*, and a paire of stockings (*tibialium*) value

<sup>1</sup> “susp.” struck out in the margin, and “exonerat. imposterum” written above.

8*d.*," the property of George Burnett. Witn., Geo. Burnett. (Puts himself, guilty to 2*d.*, no chattels.)

Thomas Bilsborrowe of Easington in Bolland, laborer, and Roger Myers of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), "a woman's ruffe" (*sinum*), value 5*s.*, the property of Thomas Parkinson. Witn., Ant. Hudleston, Rob. Wilkinson, Tho. Parkinson. (Both put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

[123*d*] Richard Carr of Rathmell, butcher, and Bridgett his wife, for on the 3<sup>d</sup> July, 1640, forcibly and unlawfully entering a parcel of land there, commonly called Pynest, in the possession of one John Frankland, and taking away a cart load of hay, value 3*s.*, his property. Witn., Jo. Frankland, Jane Frankland. (At large. Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, the fine is taxed at 20*d.* each. Skipton, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1641.)

Thomas Dawson of Wynterburne, husbandman, for being there on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1640, and at divers other times, before and since, a common Barrator, disturber of the peace, and oppressor of his neighbours, inciting law suits, etc. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Rakes, Rob. Tatham, Geo. Hargraves, W<sup>m</sup> Anderson, Cutb. Hill, Geo. Harrison. (At large.)

Henry Windsore of Cold Coniston, husbandman, for being there on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1640, and since, a common Barrator, etc. Witn., Tho. Malham, Jo. Hardie, Hen. Whittacre, Rob. Holmes, W<sup>m</sup> Tatam. (At large. Dead.)

[fol. 124] John Hall of Setle, laborer, being deputy bailiff of the wapentake of Ewcrosse, for on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1639(-40), under colour of his office, at Ingleton extortionately exacting from William Lowther, esq., 26*s.*, when in truth no such fee was due. Witn., Rich. Lowther, esq. (At large.)

That a bridge called Wynterburne bridge, standing over the stream called Wynterburne becke, and leading between the towns of Calton, Scostrott, and all that part of the country, to the market town of Rippon, is so ruinous and decayed that the King's subjects and all the inhabitants in that part of the country cannot travel to the said market town of Rippon without great danger, and further they know not what persons, lands, tenements, bodies corporate and politic, ought to, and have been accustomed to repair the same bridge. Witn., Cutb. Hill, Edm. Remmington.

That the King's highway between the market town of Skipton and the town of Stirton, in a certain place there, is now in great decay for lack of repair, etc., and that the inhabi-



tants of Stirton and Thorleby ought to repair the same before the next Sessions to be held at Knaresbrough after Michaelmas under a penalty of £10. Witn., Nich. Blakey. (Estreated.)

That a bridge commonly called Fewston bridge, within the parish of Fewston, and leading between the market towns of Ottley and Rippon, is now in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the wapentake of Claro ought to repair and maintain the same. Witn., Jo. Banister, W<sup>m</sup> Hardesty.

That a common bridge called Thornton bridge, within the wapentakes of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse, is now in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of those wapentakes ought and have been wont to repair the same. Witn., Rich. Lowther, esq., Geo. Heber, gent., Christ<sup>r</sup> Stockdale.

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 114] **Swinden assessments.** Forasmuch as Thomas Clerke of Swinden peticoned this Cort and informed that he, and some other inhabitantes there, beinge layed and assessed by the rentes of their landes, are overvalued in their assessmentes, and others of the inhabitants there, beinge assessed by the rate of oxeganges, their landes beinge farr better value then those that are assessed by rent, ORDERED that the assessmentes to be made hereafter shalbe made accordinge to quantyty and qualitie of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth, and whereas the sayde inhabitantes doe aledge that they have a custome that the sayde assesmentes bee rated and assessed by oxegange as aforesayde, itt is ordered further that the sayde pretended custome shalbe dissolved and overthrowne, unles the sayde inhabitantes canne show good cause to continue the same at the next sessions to be houlden for this W.R.

**Winterburn deputy constable.** Forasmuch as Thomas Tillotson, constable of Flasby, and other inhabitantes there have peticoned and informed this Court that there hath usually beene a constable in Flasbye and a deputy in Winterburne, beinge but one towneship, and one house did alwayes finde the sayde deputie, in which William Parkinson now dwelleth and occupieth a greate parte of the landes thereto belonginge, and his predecessors, his father and himselfe, hath supplied the sayde place, both now of late and formerly as longe as any man can remember, but the sayde Parkinson now refuseth to performe the same to the hinderance of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, THIS COURT, haveinge hearde the sayde custome confirmed by oath by Thomas Brigge and Peter Atkinson for the space of

fiftie and three score yeares last past, doe confirme the same as much as in them lieth, and doth further thinke fitt that the sayd Parkinson shall collect the sayde layes as formerly he hath accustomed.

**Cowbridge.** [114*d*] Whereas the summe of xxx*li.* was formerly allowed out of the wapentacke of Stainecliffe and Ewcrosse for the repayre of Cowbridge within the par. of Longepreston, which was then in greate ruine and decay, and the sayde moneyes beinge collected and bestowed upon that worke is not sufficient to finish the same, but xx markes more might be well expended in the finishinge thereof, ORDERED that x*li.* shalbee forthwith estreated upon the sayde wapentackes, and collected by the high constables there, and payde over unto the former supervisors to be imployed in finishinge the sayde worke.

**Fewston bridge.** Forasmuch as the grand inquest have presented the great ruyne and decay of Fewston bridge, leadinge betweene the markett townes of Knaresbrough and Skipton, and that the same ought to be repayred at the chardge of the whole wapentacke of Claro, where the same is scituate, THIS COURT doth therefore intreate the Right ho<sup>ble</sup> Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, and Ingram Hopton, esq., two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of the peace, to veiwe the decayes and ruynes of that bridge, and consider what summe will repayre the same, and estreate the sayde summe upon the sayde wapentacke of Claro, and give the high constables there in chardge to collect the same, and pay it over unto John Banister, gent., William Hardesty, William Thorpe, and Josua Smithson, who are appointed by this Court to [see the] sayde money husbandly bestowed upon the sayde worke.

**Skirden bridge.** Upon certificate made unto this Court by William White and Edward Parker, esquires, two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of the peace, that they have veiwed the worke at Skirden bridge, and that they conceive the summe of iij*li.* vjs. viij*d.* wilbe sufficient to finish that worke, ORDERED that the sayde summe shalbe estreated upon this W.R., etc.

**Relief of Poor.** [fol. 115] ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the par. of Carleton shall provide for Grace Emott, a poore impotent servant.

**Winterburn bridge.** Forasmuch as the grand inquest have presented the greate ruine and decay of Winterburne bridge, in the wapentacke of Staincliffe and Ewcrosse, beinge the high roade betweene the townes of Calton and Scosthorpe, and other townes there nere adjoyninge, unto the markett towne of Rip-



pon, but that itt is unknowne who have hitherto repayred the same, THIS COURT doth therefore intreate Sir William Lister, knt., and Richard Lowther, esq., two of his Mat<sup>is</sup> justices of the peace, to veiwe the defectes of the sayde bridge, and certifie unto this Court what summe will repayre the same, and who ought to repayre it, and then further order to be taken herein.

**Halton bridge.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed of the greate ruyne and decay of Halton bridge, in the wapentacke of Staincliffe, beinge in the booke of bridges to be repayred at the chardge of the whole W.R., and that the summe of xvj*li*. will but be sufficient to repayre the same, and that if the worke be deferred a farr greater summe will not be sufficient to finish it, ORDERED that tenn poundes shalbe forthwith estreated upon the sayde W.R., and itt is likewise desired that the justices of peace, at the next generall quarter sessions to be houlden at Knaresbrough, will further allowe the sayde summe of vj*li*. to be estreated upon the sayde W.R. as aforesayde, and likewise collected and payd over unto the handes of John Lacye, gent., and Christofer Shaye, who are appointed surveyors of that worke.

**Thorneton bridge.** [115*d*] Whereas the grand inquest have presented the greate ruyne and decay of the bridge at Thorneton in Lonsdale, scituate over the river of Greeta, in the wapentackes [of] Staincliffe and Ewcrosse, which ought and usually hath beene repayred at the chardges of the inhabitantes of that wapentacke, but forasmuch as the decayes of that bridge hath not beene as yett veiwed, and therefore itt is not knowne what the chardge of the repayre thereof will amount unto, and this Court beinge informed that there is a sume of moneye of a reasonable value in the handes of Anne Lund, executrix of Miles Lunde, and Joseph Johnson and Joane his wife, executors of Edward Lapidge, late surveyors of the worke at Burton bridge, ORDERED that the sayde Anne Lunde, Joseph Johnson and Joane his wief shall forthwith pay the sayde monyes unto the handes of Richard Lowther, esq., and Geore [*sic*] Heber, gent., who are to see the same bestowed upon the sayde worke, and if that monyes will not finish the sayde worke, then it is desired that Sir William Lister, knt., and the sayde Mr Lowther will rate and assesse such a summe as they shall thinke fitt, to be further allowed out of the sayde wapentacke for the finishinge of that sayde worke.

**Maintenance of bastard.** Upon open hearinge the differences dependinge betweene the inhabitantes of the par. of Kighley, and one Robert Rawlinge, about the providinge for of one

Elizabeth Rawlinge *als.* Sugden of Kighley, beinge bastard daughter unto the sayde Rawlinge, and now become a catiffe, and likely to be chardgeable to the inhabitantes of that par., the sayd Robert Rawlinge beinge bound over to performe the order of this Court by the Rt. Hon. Ferdinando Lord Fairefax, one of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of the peace, and affirmeth that a former order was made and conceived by Sir Richard Tempest, knt., and Sir Stephen Tempest, knt., two of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of the peace, accordinge to the statute in that case provided, which he cannot produce nor show in Court, ORDERED that the sayde Robert Rawlinge shall allowe and pay towards the releife of the sayde Elizabeth ijs. weekly, untill he can produce the sayde former order, which he hath undertaken to doe before the next Sessions, and if he doe not produce such an order, as he alledgeth was made, then consideracon is to be taken of the sayde Sugdens chardge ge [*sic*] sustained in providing for the sayde Elizabeth for the tyme past.

**Assessment at Cononley.** [fol. 116] Whereas William Greene of Cononley informed this Court that he is overchardged in his layes and assessmentes, in regard he, having aliened and sould landes to the value of vij*li.* per annum, is rated and assessed soe much as he was formerly, when he was seised of all his whole estate in landes, and those that are purchasers are freed from payinge any layes or assessmentes for that landes, ORDERED that Greene shalbe eased hereafter in his sayde layes and assessmentes, and that the purchasers and occupiers of the sayde landes shalbe proporconably assessed accordinge to the value of the saide landes.

**Cononley assessments.** Upon open hearinge of the differences dependinge amongst the inhabitantes of Cononley about the proporconable ratinge and assessinge of their layes and assessmentes, a former order beinge conceived at the last quarter sessions of peace holden for this W.R. at Knaresbrough for the assessinge of some new improved landes together with the tithe corne and ymprobacon there, beinge in the possession of certaine the inhabitantes of that towneshippe, ORDERED that Henry Curre, Richard Dixon, John Lupton, and Stephen Ellis doe at some convenient tyme meete and rate a proporconable assesment through that towneshippe, which they are to certifie unto this Court, and the same to be confirmed accordingly.

**Contempt of Court.** ORDER to commit Anthony Poole of Kirkby Overblowes to York Castle for contempt of Court.



## ROTHERHAM.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 126] General Sessions held at, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, before Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., Geo. Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, John Reresby, esq., W<sup>m</sup> West, esq., Robt. Rockley, esq., John Mauliverer, esq., and Nich. Yarbrough, esq., Justices.

JURORS—W<sup>m</sup> Spencer, gent., Richard Ward, gent., Houseley Freeman, gent., Nath. Ayre, gent., Ralph Fretwell, gent., John Stacye, gent., Edward Ibbotson, gent., Thomas Love, gent., John Revell, gent., Richard Wainewright, Richard Robinson, John Wright, Francis West, Nich. Saunderson, and Robt. Saunderson.

WHO PRESENT—Joan Colteman of Steepinge, co. Lincoln, spinster, for stealing on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1640, at Whiston, two pair of sheets, value 2s., the property of George Stringer, gent. Examination. (At large. Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Nailer of Ecclesall, laborer, for stealing on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1639, at Sheffield, six dozen of knives, value 2s., two pieces of iron called axiltrees, and two other pieces of iron called hammers, value 6s., the property of Hugh Hirst. Witn., Hugh Hirst, Rob. Rogers, Rich. Yeates, Tho. Pearson. (At large.)

[126*d*] Also with Anne his wife, for stealing on 12 Sept., 1639, at Hallam, ten dozen of knives, value 7s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Beighton. Witn., Wm. Beighton, Ric. Wright, Tho. Wilson, Jo. Chapman, Geo. Chapman. (At large.)

Anne Widdison, wife of Cornelius Widdison of Conisbrough, collier, for stealing there on 20 April, 1640, a pair of sheets, value 18*d*., the property of Richard Bailey. Witn., Ri. Dicconson, jun. (Puts herself, guilty to value of 9*d*., no chattels.)

Peter Jackson of Waleswood, laborer, and Isabel Parker of the same, widow, for stealing on 8 May, 1640, at Wales, a wether value 8s., and three pound of wool value 12*d*., the property of Chris. Harrison. Witn., Christopher Harrison. (Jackson at large. Parker puts herself, guilty to 3*d*., no chattels.)

Anne Gorton of Rotheram, spinster, for stealing there on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, two silver spoons, value 2s. 6*d*., the property of Thomas Rigg. Witn., Tho. Rigg. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 127] James Rotheram of Heley and Elizabeth his wife, and Edward Rotheram of the same, for assaulting and maltreating on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, at Bradfeild, Thomas Wainewright. Witn., Tho. Skargill, Tho. Wainewright. (All at large. Rotheram puts himself.)

Thomas Denton of Heeley cum Ecclesall, blacksmith, for being on 1<sup>st</sup> June and since, a common Barrator, disturber of the peace, and oppressor of his neighbours, inciting law suits and discords, etc. Witn., Jo. Shepley, Joan Shepley, Ja. Atkinson, Hen. Bright, Jo. Walker, Mich. Willies, Godfr. Burton. (Puts himself, guilty, fine £10.)

John Lame of Hatfeild, yeoman, for that being on the 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1640, deputy Constable there, and sworn to carry out the duties of that office until Michaelmas next, he did on the following day contemptuously neglect to execute a warrant under the seal of this Court, bearing date the 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, directed and delivered to him for the taking and arrest of one William Hall, then living in Hatefeild. Witn., Jo. Elwicke, W<sup>m</sup> Brooke. (At large. Puts himself, confesses, fine 10s., estreated, paid Sheriff.)

[127*d*] Thomas Trout *alias* King of Langsett, husbandman, for on 26 July, 1640 [*sic*], at Peniston, refusing to assist W<sup>m</sup> Woodcock, then constable there, in the execution of his office. Witn., Hen. Ibbotson, Wm. Woodcock. (At large.)

Also, with George Dicconson, Edward Gleadhill, and Richard Gleadhill, all of Peniston, husbandmen, for then assaulting and maltreating the said W<sup>m</sup> Woodcock there. Same witnesses. (At large.)

Thomas Stephen *als.* Steven of Sheffield, "sissersmith," for assaulting there and maltreating on 26 May, 1640, John Bincliffe. Witn., John Bincliffe, Hen. Brigges, Edw. Archdale. (At large.)

Anthony Jenkinson of Shafton, yeoman, and Thomas Gargrave of Hardwicke, linen webster, for assaulting on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, at South Hindley, John Brettoner, then in the King's service there as a watchman, and taking from him a watch bill (*bipen' vigil'*), value 4*d*. Witn., Jo. Brettoner, Ro. Roberts. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 128] John Jackson *alias* Dawson and W<sup>m</sup> Kettlewell, both of Wombwell, husbandmen, for on the 5 June, 1640, at Darfeild, unlawfully rescuing and taking away from the custody of Robert Greene and Thomas Creswicke, two black cows value £4, and two black steers value £5, the property of John Baggiley, then being in their custody by distress for arrears of rent to the poor of the parish of Ecclesfeild. Witn., Tho. Creswicke. (Jackson puts himself. Kettlewell at large.)

Thomas Teale of Fishlake, husbandman, for exercising there on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1640, for his own lucre a certain art or mystery called the butcher's trade, when in truth and fact he was never



brought up therein as an apprentice for 7 years, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Rich. Clerke, Ed. Swaine. (At large.)

John Hugall of Sheffeld, linen webster, for on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1640, retaining in his service there one Robert Shawe, lately the servant of John Ogden of Sheffeld, without his showing a testimonial under the hands of the constable or other chief officer, or 2 honest housholders of Sheffeld, where he last served, etc., to the constable, curate, churchwardens, or chief officer of Sheffield in which town the said Shawe was retained by the said Ogden to serve him, the said John Hugall keeping him in his service contrary to the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Jo. Duckington, Jo. Ogden. (At large. Confesses, fine according to the form of the Statute.)

[128*d*] Thomas Burgoine of Wathe, blacksmith, for assaulting there and maltreating on 10 July, 1640, William Taylor, constable there. Witn., Rob. Oven, W<sup>m</sup> Pearson, W<sup>m</sup> Tailor. (Is committed to the Sheriff.)

Thomas Stephen *als.* Steven of Sheffeld, "sissersmith," and Alice Stephen *als.* Steven of the same, spinster, for assaulting there and maltreating on 29 May, 1640, Margaret Archdale, wife of Edward Archdale. Witn., Marg. Archdale, Anne Bright, Ellen Robinson, Kath<sup>e</sup> Staineforth. (Both at large.)

Thomas Tailor and John Wasse of Wombwell, yeomen, for assaulting there and maltreating on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1640, Margery Yennesse. Witn., Margt. Yennese, Ralph Yennesse, W<sup>m</sup> Shawe, Jo. Walker. (At the General Sessions held at Doncaster 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1640, the said Thomas Taylor puts himself on the country, and says that he was not thereof guilty. The Jurors say that he was not guilty, and so he is exonerated. John Wasse confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 2s., estreated, at Barnesley, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1640(-1).)

Thomas Wilson of Thorne, husbandman, for that on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1640, he had newly erected there and maintained a cottage for the habitation of himself without having 4 acres of land to be occupied therewith. Witn., Rog. Walker, gent., Sam. Tailer. (At large.)

[fol. 129] William Hoyland of Wath, tanner, for assaulting there and maltreating on 10 April, 1640, Leonard Pearson. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Pearson. (Puts himself.)

James Parkin and Zakerie Parkin of Mortomley, yeomen, for on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1640, breaking and entering the house of John Waide at Hooton Levett, and taking away £8 in money in a chest there. Witn., Jo. Wayde, Reginald Stead, Tho. Greene. (In the custody of the Sheriff.)

Thomas Tailor and John Wasse of Wombwell, yeomen, for assaulting there and maltreating on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1640, Ralph Yennesse. Witn., Ralph Yennesse, Margery Yennesse, Jo. Walker, W<sup>m</sup> Shawe. (Thomas Tailor puts himself, not guilty. John Wasse at large. On the 20 January, 1640(-1), the said John Wasse confessed himself to be guilty, and his fine is taxed at 2s. 6d., estreated, and paid to the Sheriff in Court, and so let him go thereof quit.)

Zacharias Parkin and James Parkin of Mortomley, yeomen, for on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1640, forcibly entering the house of Reginald Stead at Hooton Levett, and ejecting him from the possession thereof, and so keeping him ejected unto this day. Witn., Regin. Stead. (Zacharias confesses, fine £5, committed; James, in York Castle.)

[129d] Alice Stephen *als.* Steven and Elizabeth Stephen *als.* Steven, both of Sheffield, spinsters, for assaulting and maltreating on 21 May, 1640, at Thribergh, Henry Bright. Witn., Hen. Bright. (At large.)

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#### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 118] **Committal Order.** Forasmuch as Zacharie Parkin of Mortomley, yeoman, standes indicted and convicted by his owne confession for the unlawfull and forcible entringe into a dwellinge house of one Reginald Steade, and forcibly expellinge the sayde Steade, THIS COURT doth therefore impose the summe of *vli.* as a fine upon the sayde Parkinge for the sayde misdemeanour, and for that the sayde Parkin hath assalted the sayde Steade with a drawne sworde, a staffe, and a gunne, Itt is therefore ordered that hee shall stand committed unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> joale at the Castle of Yorke untill he shall enter recognizaunce, as well for his appearance at the next genrall quarter sessions of peace to be houlden for this W.R., as alsoe in the meane tyme to be of good behaviour towards his Ma<sup>tie</sup> and all his liege people, and especially towards the sayde Steade.

**Expedition to Scotland.** Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of Doncaster have peticoned and informed this Court that they are sore overburthined and charged with cariages in this expedicon for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, by reason the sayde towne is scituate upon the roadway, and a multitude of teames is used now in this expedicon northwardes, ORDERED that the sayde inhabitantes of Doncaster shall provide all such cariages for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, as by law they are chardged with, dureinge the time of this expedicon, and the rest of the inhabitantes of



Strafforth and Tickhill to contribute with them of Doncaster five partes, and the sayde inhabitantes to be chardged with a sixe parte, but it is intended, and soe ordered, that the sayde inhabitantes shall account for the moneyes which they receive as pay from his Mat<sup>ie</sup>, or any other for that service.

**Settlement.** [118*d*] Upon complaint made unto this Court by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the par. of Thurne that one William Wilson and his wife have removed themselves from Headon in the E.R. unto the sayde par. of Thurne, and there intendeth to settle himselfe, beinge likely to be chardgeable unto them, ORDERED that the sayde Wilson shall give securitie to save the saide inhabitantes indampnified from any chardge that shall happen by the sayde Wilson and his wife, or els to be forthwith removed and remaunded unto Headon, there to be settled and provided for, as the law in that case hath appointed.

**Settlement.** Whereas Edward Wilbye of the par. of Rois-ton hath lately married Elizabeth Strafford of Darfeild, wid-dowe, who refuseth to remove from Darfeilde and live with her sayde husband, and the parishoners of Darfeild are fearefull she should bringe a chardge to Darfeilde, ORDERED that the said Elizabeth be forthwith removed from Darfeilde to her said husbände, there to live and remaine with him.

**Lunatic.** [fol. 119] Upon open hearinge the inhabitantes of Edlington, who affirmes that one Alice Hawkesworth of that towne is lately fallen lunatique and distracted in her wittes, beinge not sensible to governe and rule herselfe, but rather subject to comit many outrages and abuses, if she be permitted to stirre abroad, and for that the sayde Alice is a poore woman and hath not wherewith to provide herselfe, have-inge only eight poundes to her porcon, which is in the handes of Robt. Hawkesworth of Edlington, her brother, ORDERED that the sayde Robt. shall pay over unto Tho. Bosevile, esq., the sayde viij*li.*, or give such security for the same as the sayde Mr. Bosservile shall accept of to pay the same over at a day to come, with interest for the time he keepeth the same in his handes, and the sayde Alice is to stand committed unto the house of correcon at Wakefeilde, there to remaine untill it shall please God she recover that infirmity, and the sayd moneyes to be imployed for to maintaine her, with such allowance as the inhabitantes of the par. of Edlington must allow towardses the releife of the sayde Alice dureinge the tyme she continues there.

**Maintenance.** Upon the peticon of Elizabeth Baxter of

Boulton upon Dearne, who showeth that she, beinge distempered in her minde and very simple, haveinge a competent estate, was inticed and inveagled by one William Malison, who hath got the custodie of her childe from her, and the possession of most parte of her landes, and now abuseth and wrongeth both her and her sayd sonne, ORDERED that the sayde Malison shall either forthwith enter very good bond with suerties unto the churchw: and overseers of the poore to educate the sayde childe, well and carefully, and not to mispende his estate, or els the sayde Elizabeth Baxter and her friendes to have the tuicon of the childe, and to enter into the sayde landes, and let the same to farme for the best use of her and her sayde childe.

**Expedition to Scotland.** [119*d*] Upon consideracon of an account, delivered into this [Court] by the inhabitantes of Doncaster, of certaine moneyes disbursed by the sayde inhabitantes in conveyinge certaine cariages northwardes this expedicon, ORDERED that the summe of xij*li*. xvs. shalbe estreated upon the wapentackes of Strafforth and Tickhill, beinge the fowerth parte of a greater summe of moneyes by them disbursed, and collected by the high constables there and payde over unto those who disbursed the same.

**Expedition to Scotland.** Whereas the inhabitantes of Bawtry within this W.R. have peticoned and informed this Court that they are very sore overchardged with carriages for His Maties service, by reason the sayde towne is scituate upon the roade way, and multitude of teames is used now in this expedicon northwardes, ORDERED that the sayde inhabitantes of Bawtry shall provide all such cariages for his Maties service, as by lawe they are chardged with, dureing the tyme of this expedicon, and the rest of the inhabitantes within the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill to contribute with them of Bawtery five partes, and the sayde inhabitantes to be chardged with a sixe parte, but it is intended, and soe ordered, that the sayde inhabitantes shall account for the moneyes which they receive as paye from his Matie, or any otheres for that service.

**Relief of poor.** [fol. 120] ORDERED that the churchw: and overseers of the poor of Stanyforth shall allow to Thomas Hamerton such present relief as his necessities shall require, or else the penalty of the law in that case provided to be imposed upon them.

**Restitution.** Upon the peticon of Rosamond Wright who informeth that she, beinge to familiar with one Thomas Trippett,



he the sayde Trippett deceitfully and unlawfully procured out of her custodie into his owne possession certaine goodes amountinge to a good value, which he unjustly detayneth and keepeth and hath converted the same to his owne use, ORDERED that if the sayde Thomas Trippett shall not upon notice of this order pay and satisfie unto the saide Rosomond the sume of xxxs., in satisfaccon of the sayde goodes soe unlawfullie and deceitfully obtained, as aforesayde, then upon complainte made to any of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace a warrant to be granted against the sayde Trippett to be convented before some other of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, and taken bounde to appeare and answer his contempt the next sessions to be holden for this division, and in the meanetyme to be of good behaviour.

**Apprentice.** Whereas Richard Bodison, a poore childe within the par. of Mexbrough, was by the churchw : and overseers of the poore of that parish putt forth plaiced with one Humfrey Phesant in Swinton, and hath departed from his maisters service by the meanes enticement and perswasion of his mother, ORDERED that he be forthwith remanded to his sayde maisters service, and if he shall departe thence, or his saide mother entice him soe to doe, that they be thereupon sent to the house of coreccon to remaine till they, or either of them, be thence delivered by due course of lawe.

**Apprentice.** [120d] Upon the peticon of John Shemelde, an apprentice to Stephen Metcalfe of Sheffield, cutler, alledgeinge that his maister lyes in prison at London, and soe hath donne about a yeare and a halfe, wherby he neglecteth his trade, and desireing that he may be turned over to some other of the same trade, so as he may not loose his tyme, ORDERED that the m<sup>r</sup> and company of cutlers in Hallamshire may provide a maister for the peticoner, with whome he may serve out his tyme, as is desired.

**Overseer's disbursements.** Upon the peticon of John Pell, late overseer of the poore of the par. [of] Darrington, alleadginge that whereas he, by the order of this Court, did erect a cottage upon the waste, with the license of the lorde of the mannour, for the habitacon of 2 poore widowes, and disbursed xlixs. iiijd. about the same, which is unpayde unto him, ORDERED that the present overseers of the poore of the sayde parish doe forthwith paie the sayde John Pell the sayde xlixs. iiijd., by him the sayde Pell soe disbursed, and to put it in their next laye or assessment to be made, and the same to be allowed.

**Firbeck assessments.** Upon the peticon of the occupiers of landes at Thwaite, within the constablrty of Firbecke,

ORDERED that the assessmentes hereafter to be made, for all landes within that constabulary, be made according to quantity and quality of landes in every maner occupacon and possession, and not as formerly they have beene, because that we understand that Thwayte, though it have heretofore beene as deeply assessed as either the towne of Firbecke or the demesne of Firbecke hall, yet Thwaite is not soe good in yearly value to be lett as either the towne or the sayde demesnes by three score poundes by the yeare.

**Fire.** [fol. 121] After our harty comendacons, we have received a certificate under the handes of John Slacke, vicar of Cantley, Thomas Stephenson, John Nowell, and diverse others, inhabitantes of the par. of Cantley, that upon the fifteenth day of June last past there happened a fearefull fire by casualty in the dwellinge howse of one Thomas Robinson of that parish, which consumed his sayde dwellinge howse and five bayes of buildinge, together with all his householde stuffe, amountinge to the value of a hundereth markes at the least, to the utter ruine and overthrowe of him, his wiefe, and three small children, the sayde Robinson haveing formerly lived in good repute and creditte, WE THEREFORE herby intreate you, the severall ministers and curates of the wapentackes of Strathforth and Tickhill, in regard the sayde sume is under the value to be certified unto the Rt. Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Keeper to procure his Ma<sup>ties</sup> letters pattentes, that you will publish the contente hereof in their severall churches and chappells, and the severall churches (*sic*) there to collect and gather the charitable benevolence of the severall inhabitantes of the sayde severall parishes, for and towardes the saide poore man's releif and maintenance, and soe we bidd you hartily farewell.

From the generall quarter      Y<sup>r</sup> very loveinge ffreindes.  
sessions of peace holden  
att Rotheram the xiiij<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 1640.

**Beggar.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed that Margret Wilson of Carcroft, for diverse yeares last past, hath left her dwellinge house in Carcroft, and hath daly gone aboute in the high street betwixt Ferrybrigges and Doncaster begginge, and will not betake herselfe to any labour, nor stay at home with her husband, though he be able to maineteine her, THEREFORE this Court doth thinke fitt and order that the constables of Ouston and Burghwallis, or either of them, doe apprehende the sayde Margret if she continue the same course of beggin, and her safely convent before some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace



neare adjoyning there, to be delt with all as the law in that case provideth.

**Bawtry bridge.** [121*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is informed of the greate ruine and decay of Bawtry bridge within this W.R., which bridge is in the booke of bridges to be repayred at the chardge of the whole W.R., and that if the same be delayed a very grate summe will not suffice to performe that worke, ORDERED that the sune of x*li*. shalbe estreated upon this W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and payde over unto Tho. Milner, John Clarke, Richarde Marryot, and Cornelius Bradley, who are appointed overseers of that woorke to see the sayde moneyes husbandly bestowed.

**Nonpayment of layes.** Whereas severall peticons and complaintes have beene made unto this Court that Samuell Wortley of Swinton, gent., refuseth to pay his layes and assessmentes to the constable, ORDERED that he shall forthwith pay viijs., formerly assessed upon him, and such arreres as are not paide of layes already made, and that such as are behinde, or shalbe assessed, be demaunded of him, and if he doe refuse, or not pay them upon demaunde, that then the clerke of the peace, or the next justice of peace doe upon complainte make a warrant to apprehende him, and carry him before some of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace in this division, to be bounde to the next generall sessions of the peace to be holden in this division, to answer this contempt.

**Expedition to Scotland.** [fol. 122] Forasmuch as the high constables of the wapentacke of Osgoldcrosse have peticoned and informed this Court that they have beene, and are likely to be, overchardged with cariages for his Mat<sup>ties</sup> service, and the wapentacke of Staincrosse, beinge contributary with the wapentacke of Osgoldcrosse in all other chardges, doe not as yett contribute in that chardge, ORDERED that the inhabitantes of the wapentacke of Staincrosse shall beare theire equall porcon with them of Osgoldcrosse, after the rate of viij*d*. a mile for every cartloade, as well for the sayd cariages, which shalbe sent forwardes this expedicon, as alsoe for the gaurdinge and preservinge of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> treasure, which shalbe sent forwardes, as well for the tyme past as the tyme to come, but it is intended, and soe ordered, that such allowance as shalbe allowed for the sayd cariages from his Mat<sup>tie</sup> shalbe accompted for and allowed as parte of that chardge.

**Sessions of Sewers.** To our very loveinge freindes Sir John Ramsden, knt., and the rest of Commissioners of the Sessions of Sewers at Doncaster.

Sirs,

At this generall sessions of the peace sundrie men that are summoned to apeare upon juries for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, and some bounde by recognizance, and diverse baliffes and others that have buisines here before us, have peticoned and complained to this Court that they are likewise summoned and bounde to appeare at the Sessions of Sewers houlden tomorrowe at Doncaster, and are very fearfull to be fined there if they make default. It beinge informed alsoe that for the most part of 2 yeares last past the sayde Sessions of Sewers have beene appointed at the verrie same tyme these were houlden, to the hinderance of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service here in these Sessions, which are confirmed by act of parliament to a certaine tyme, and those not soe, notwithstandinge we have dispensed with this bearer to attende you for the present, albeyt he is bailiffe of the wapentacke of Strafforth, and for the other bailiffes, jurors, and persons bounde by recognizance to prosecute felons, and that have other busines, wee coulde not give them leave to departe without great prejudice and hinderance to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, we therefore thought good to signifie soe much unto you, desireinge they may ben excused of fines for default of apparance, and that ye clerke may hereafter take notice not to appointe ye sessions within the tyme these sessions are to be kepte, beinge alwayes by adjournment at 3 severall places exceptinge Pontefract Sessions. And soe wee bidde you heartily farewell.

Y<sup>r</sup> very lo : frendes.

From the Generall Sessions  
of Peace houlden at Rotheram  
this 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 1640.

**Womersley Assessments.** [122*d*] Charles, by the Grace of God, Kinge, etc. To all and singuler baliffes, constables, and all other his Ma<sup>ties</sup> officers and ministers, but especially to the constable of Womersley, theire and every of [their] lawfull deputy and deputies, greeting.

Forasmuch as at the Generall Quarter Sessions of peace houlden at Pontefract 16 Apr. last past, it was ordered in open Court there that all layes and assessmentes within the par. of Womersley shalbe hereafter assessed by acre-taile of all landes that every person and persones occupieth therein, accordinge to quantity and quality, and impropiacons accordinge to estimacon, and the saide assessmentes to be from time to tyme hereafter assessed by the constable of the same for the tyme beinge, two freeholders and two tenants, notwithstandinge, as we are crediblie informed, William Turner, Thomas Evering-



am, and Henry Middleton of the said towne contemptuously doe refuse to performe and obey the sayde order, and have obstinately of themselves (beinge all tenants and otherwise requested) made an assessment contrary to the sayde order. Theise are therefore, etc.

**Threat.** [fol. 123] John Milnethorpe of Thurguland informeth upon his oath that about 25 Apr. last Michaell Slacke of Thurgolande came unto him, this deponent, and saide that if he this deponent would not averre that which he had related unto Sir Francis Worteley, he the said Sir Fr. Wortley would have him upon the pillorye, and that he shoulde loose his eares.

To the Right ho<sup>b</sup>le Sir John Bramston, knt., lord cheife  
justice of Englande, and to the rest of the justices of his Ma<sup>t</sup>ies  
Court of Kinges Bench.

May it please y<sup>r</sup> lo<sup>pp</sup>.

That at this Generall Sessions of the Peace one Michaell Slacke did in open Court publikely affirme and say that one Johne Milnethorpe of Thurgland told him that Sir Francis Wortley, knt., and bart., did say to the sayde Milnethorpe, that unlesse he the sayde Milnethorpe woulde averre and sweare that which he had affirmed to him the said Sir Francis Wortley, he the sayde Sir Francis woulde have him the sayde Milnethorpe upon the pillory, and that he should loose his eares, which scandalous affirmacon and allegacon the say[d] Milnethorpe did in open Courte upon his oathe affirme to be most false and untrue, and that the sayde Slacke did himselfe first informe him that the sayde Sir Francis said soe, for which said scandalous affirmacon, beinge spoken to the said Sir Francis in open Court and framed and devised by the sayde Slacke, we thought fitt to have bounde him to good behaviour, yet, at the instance and intreaty of the sayde Sir Francis, wee have thought fit to forbear the same and submit the premises and further proceedinges therein to your lordshippes wisdomes and consideracon, and remaine, at yr L<sup>ppes</sup> commande.

From the Generall Sessions  
of the Peace houlden att  
Rotheram xiiij Jul., 1640.<sup>1</sup>

[*Folio 124 is blank.*]

<sup>1</sup>The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Bastardy (121), Maintenance of bastard child (118<sup>d</sup>, 119<sup>d</sup>, 120<sup>d</sup>), Relief of poor (122<sup>d</sup>), and Settlement (118<sup>d</sup>, 120, 121<sup>d</sup>).

WAKEFELD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 131] General Sessions held at, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, before William Savile, baronet, Geo. Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Richard Marshe, S.T.D., John Savile, esq., John Kay, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., and John Farrer, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Francis Bunie, esq., John Wager, gent., Robt. Anbie, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Emonson, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Midgley, gent., Mathew Cordingley, Thomas Hodgshon, Robt. Thornton, Edward Scoles, Thomas Cliffe, John Reyner, Thomas Waker, Robt. Houle, Robt. Killingbecke, and W<sup>m</sup> Johnson.

WHO PRESENT—Christopher Browne of Wortley, clothier, for stealing at Gildersome on 20 May, 1640, sixteen yards of woollen cloth, value £5, the property of Peter Squire. Witn., Peter Squire. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels.)

John Laccocke of Bingley, husbandman, for stealing there on 1 April, 1640, a lamb, value 2*s.*, the property of Robert Farrand, gent. Witn., Jo. Widdopp. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Richard Tyas of Sutton, laborer, for stealing on 2 July, 1640, at Brotherton, two cords, value 3*s.*, the property of John Stansfeild. Witn., Jo. Slacke. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[131*d*] Joseph Brigg of Sowerbie, clothier, for assaulting and maltreating on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1640, at Harteshead, John Brooke. Witn., Jo. Brooke, Rob. Liversedge, Grace Liversedge. (At large. Confesses, fine is taxed at 12*d.*)

Ralph Battie of Batley, clothier, for on the 2 May, 1640, affixing there a false search (mark) to a certain woollen cloth called a dozen. Witn., Tho. Cloudesley, Jo. Benson, Rob. Metcalfe. (Puts himself.)

Also for the like offence there on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1640. Witn., Tho. Cloudesley, Jo. Benson. (Puts himself.)

Richard Fentiman of Swillington, husbandman, for assaulting there and maltreating on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, Thomas Wilkinson. Witn., Tho. Wilkinson. (At large.)

[fol. 132] Michaell Whitley of Midleton, yeoman, and Elizabeth Whitley his wife, for assaulting and maltreating on 12 July, 1640, at Lumbye, Elizabeth wife of John Dawson. Witn., Eliz. Dawson. (Put themselves.)

Thomas Watson of Hallifax, husbandman, and Susan his wife, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1640, breaking and entering a close of Richard Ramsden's, commonly called Pepperhills, at Hallifax,



and throwing down the hedges and fences. Witn., Josua Crabtree. (At large.)

John Leache, John Leache, jun., and Robert Russell, all of Templehirst, husbandmen, Richard Langbothome of Chappell Hadlesey, laborer, and W<sup>m</sup> Chapman of the same, laborer, for on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1640, breaking and entering a close of Robert Dicconson's at Templehirst, trampling down the grass there, etc. Witn., Rob. Dicconson. (All at large. Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, fine taxed at 6*d.* each, estreated.)

[132*d*] Thomas Hudson of Kirkburton, yeoman, for unlawfully taking and carrying away there on 20 June, 1640, a wheelbarrow value 5*s.*, and a wain load of stones value 6*d.*, the property of Thomas Moakson. Witn., Tho. Moakson. (At large. Confesses the indictment, the fine is taxed at 6*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Margarett wife of Peeter Rider of Wakefeild, laborer, for being there on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1640, and at divers other times, before and since, a common scold and disturber of the peace, inciting law suits and discords among the King's subjects. Witn., Jo. Briggs, Margr. Briggs, Ja. Brooke. (Confesses.)

John Jowett, sen., and John Jowett, jun., of Wilsden, clothiers, for assaulting and maltreating on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, at Hallifax, Thomas Midgley. Witn., Tho. Midgley. (Both put themselves, confess, fine 12*d.*, estreated.)

John Hall of Beaghall, husbandman, for unlawfully taking and carrying away there on 2 Nov., 1639, a cloak (*manticam*), value 15*s.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Roadhouse. Witn., Wm. Roadhouse, Rob. Loveday. (Confesses, fine taxed at 12*d.*, paid Sheriff. Ordered by consent of both parties that he shall pay unto y<sup>e</sup> said Roadhouse 20*s.*, in satisfaction of y<sup>e</sup> cloak within a month next coming, and all suits to stay.)

[fol. 133] Robert Scoley of Honley, clothier, for assaulting there and maltreating on 28 June, 1640, George Dixon, and uttering to him malicious and opprobrious words. Witn., Geo. Dixon, Geo. Prest, Tho. Eastwood. (Confesses, fine 6*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Thomas Bilclyffe of Thrighbergh, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, at Wakefeild, John Crawshaye. Witn., Tho. Browne, Jo. Crawshaye. (At large. Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, protesting not guilty; fine 5*s.* estreated, paid Sheriff.)

W<sup>m</sup> Shertcliffe of Ecclesfeild, gent., Richard Metcalfe of Harwood, yeoman, and John Hargraves of Tonge, yeoman, for on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, at Bowlinge forcibly entering a messuage

with the appurtenances commonly called Newhall Grainge, then in the peaceful possession of one Richard Richardson, and unlawfully ejecting him from possession thereof, and so keeping him ejected to this day, viz. the 17<sup>th</sup> July then next following. Witn., Rich. Richardson. (All at large. Removed by writ of *certiorari*, at Wakefeild, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1640.)

[133*d*] Gervase Bosseville of Lotherton cum Abberford, husbandman, Ellen his wife, and Susan Murrey of the same place, widow, for unlawfully taking there and carrying away on 25 July, 1639, half a wain load of hay, value 5s., the property of William Plant, gent. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Plant, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Laycock. (Put themselves.)

Edward Holdsworth of Horburie, waller, for unlawfully taking there and carrying away on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1639(-40), two stone of hay, value 4*d.*, the property of Paul Ramsden. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Roberts, Jo. Sunderland, Jo. Wood. (Puts himself.)

William Kay of Ewes, laborer, and John Tailor of Quarmby, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1640, at Quarmby, James Walker, and taking from him 10s. 2*d.* in money and 2 mares, value £5. Witn., Ja. Walker. (Confesses, fine 2s. paid Sheriff, estreated.)

A Penalty of £40 is laid upon the inhabitants of the village of Faweather and the occupiers of a close called Birke Close, within the parish of Bingley, that they lay open a watercourse lying between the parishes of Ottley and Bingley, which is now unlawfully blocked up, before Michaelmas next. Witn., Sam Wood.

[fol. 134] Robert Johnson of Wakefeild, husbandman, for assaulting there and maltreating on 17 June, 1640, John Blakeburne. Witn., Jo. Blagburne, Anne Jubb, Sibill Dixon. (At large.)

John Moseley of Shepley, yeoman, for keeping there on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1640, a common Alehouse or Tiplinghouse without the permission of the Justices, and there selling beer and drink to the King's lieges and subjects. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Hepworth, Edmund Haighe. (At large. Confesses, fine 20s., for the poor.)

Also for assaulting at Whitley and maltreating on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1640, Edmund Haighe. Witn., Edm. Haighe. (At large. Wakefeild, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1640(-1), confesses the indictment; the fine is taxed at 6*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Abraham Butterfeild, jun., of Rothwell, butcher, for assaulting there and maltreating on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1640, Henry Westerman of Rothwell, blacksmith. Witn., Hen. Westerman, Ja. Hicke. (At large.)



[134*d*] Francis Grave of Rothwell, laborer, for stealing at Oulton on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1639(-40), two young trees, value 10*d.*, the property of John Powell. Witn., Hen. Westerman. (At large.)

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**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 125] **Stopping horse way.** Forasmuch as Joseph Inchbald of Drax, gent., standes indicted and convicted for the unlawfull incloseinge and stoppage of a common horse way in a certaine close there, called Brandhurst, leadinge betweene the towne of Armine and the markett towne of Selbye, by makeinge of ditches and hedges for the inclosinge and stoppage of the sayde way, to the greate annoyance and greivance of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> subjectes, THIS COURT doth therefore injoyne the sayde Joseph Inchbalde to lay open the olde auncient way forthwith, that his Ma<sup>ties</sup> subjectes may passe and repasse as usually and aunciently they have done, upon paine of xxxxs.

**House of Correction.** [125*d*] Upon certificate made unto this Court by Sir George Wentworth, knt., and Francis Nevile, esq., two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, of the greate losse sustayned by Mr. Tho. Somerster, master and governor of the Howse of Correcon at Wakefelde, in breakinge the windowes of that house, wheeles, and other ymplementes used there, by the soldiers upon theire march to Selby, ORDERED that the summe of xvs. shalbe allowed out of this W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and payd over to the said master Somerster to be imployed for the repayre of the sayde house and new furnishinge of such implementes as shalbe necessary.

**Arrears of Rent.** Whereas Richarde Richardson of Northbierley, in the par. of Bradforde, yeoman, peticoned and informed this Courte that he, beinge seised of fower cottages within that parish beinge of the yearely value of ls. [*i.e.* 50s.], or thereabout, which are inhabited by poore people who pay unto him noe rent, nor have payde any for fower yeares last past, although there is xx<sup>tie</sup> markes or more allowed within that parish for the payment of rent for poore peoples houseroome, and he further showeth that, notwithstandinge he is assessed monthly for releife of the poore of that parish a some of vs., which is a greater some then any one of that parish payeth except the Rt. Wor<sup>th</sup> the lady Tempest of Bowlinge, and therefore disered (*sic*) that consideracon might be had of the premises, ORDERED by this Court that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the par. of Bradforde shall either pay a reasonable rent unto

the said Richardson for the sayde houses, which the sayde poore people doe inhabite in, or else remove the poore people out of the sayde houses, and provide for them elsewhere, the sayde Richardson may make such use of the said howses for his owne profitt as with conveniency he can.

**Brighouse bridge.** Forasmuch as certificate is made unto this Court by Thomas Thornhill, esq., one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, that Jo : Robinson and some others, haveinge undertaken the woorke at Brighouse bridge have performed the said worke very well and disbursed a farr greater summe then was allowed for that woorke in the repayre thereof, ORDERED that the somme of xli. shalbe allowed out of this W.R. and collected by the high constables there, and payde over unto the sayde Jo : Robinson and the other workemen there in full satisfaccon of that worke.

**Wakefield Northgate.** [fol. 126] Whereas John Story, Nicholas Hodgeson, Lancelott Wetherall, Daniell Oley, John Jackson of Wakefeilde Northgate, and Roberte Margerrison of Wakefeilde Westgate, peticoned and informed this Court that by vertue of an estreate made from hence against the inhabitantes of the parish of Wakefeilde for not repayringe a highway leadinge from Wakefeilde to the Outwoode in the sayde parish the said Roberte Margerrison levied the somme of twelve poundes of the inhabitantes of Stanley and with parte of that money repayred the sayde way, who findinge themselves agreeved complayned for releife at a generall quarter sessions houlden at Pontefract after the Clause of Easter was twelve months, whereupon it was then ordered that the money which was levied and bestowed on the repayre of the sayde way shold be proporconably assessed upon the inhabitants of Wakefeilde Northgate and repayed to the inhabitantes of Stanley. In obedience whereunto the sayde inhabitantes of Wakefeilde Northgate tendered to them of Stanley the sayde moneyes accordingly, who refusinge to accept the same commenced suite against the said Jo : Story and the rest before his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Right Ho<sup>ble</sup> Councell established in the North partes and brought the same to hearinge, and recovered against the said Jo. Story and the rest for the moneyes levied and costes of suite nineteene poundes fifteene shillinges sixpence, which summe is payd by the said Jo : Story and the rest accordingly, but who shoulde repayre the said way is not decreed but left traversable at the elleccon of either party, but in respect the said Jo : Story and y<sup>e</sup> rest are only used in the said suite in behalfe of all the inhabitantes of Wakefeilde



Northgate, who ought equally to be chardged therewith, and not to be chardged upon the said parties only, it was therefore desired that Jervas Nevile, gent., Edward Smith, Joseph Waterhouse, Joseph Brigges, Michell Walker, and John Sunderlande, or any fower of them, might take the accomptes of the said Jo : Storye, Nich. Hodgeson, and the rest, and make a generall assesement throughout the whole street of Northgate, Wakefeilde, for such moneyes as upon due prooffe shall appeare to be disbursed, and to enable them to levy the same, which this Court conceiveth to be resonable, and doth order the same accordingly ; but for that the said Right Ho<sup>ble</sup> Counsell hath left the said way to be traversed in this Court, whether the said inhabitants of Stanley, or Wakefeilde Northgate, ought to be chardged with the repayre thereof, ORDERED that the sayde Jo : Story, and the rest, with some of thinhabitantes of Stanley, shall attende at the next generall quarter sessions of peace to be houlden for this W.R., there to here direcons of this Court about the said traverse for the repayre of the said way hereafter.

**Huddersfield assessments.** [126*d*] Upon readinge the petition of thinhabitantes of Huddersfeild, whoe informd that there is great ineqwallietye in the rateinge and assessinge their layes and assesementes for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, the abuse beinge thus, that those thare assessors will not make their assesementes proporconablelye, as by law they oughte to be, ORDERED that all those severall inhabitants of that constablerye, whoe have made, or rated, anie assesemente by the space of three yeares laste paste for that service, shall not be anie assessors there for the space of three yeares nexte, but that new assessors be appointed and nomynated for the proporconable rateinge and assessinge the sayd layes.

**Neglect to prosecute.** [127] For that Samuell Firth of Bradford verie maliciouslie chardged one Tho : Rawson with the felonious steallinge of his knyfe, and the sayd Rawson beinge deteyned and kepte as prisoner by the space of a day and two nightes by the constable of Bradford, and convented before Rich : Marshe, D.D., one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, he the said Firthe refused to prosecute and give in evidence against the said Rawson, ORDERED that the said Samuell Firthe shall pay and satisfie unto the constable aforesaid the summe of iiij<sup>s</sup>, expended by the said constable in conventinge the sayd Rawson before the said Mr. Doctor Marshe, or else upon his refusall, complainte beinge maide unto anie of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, he to be taken bownde to answeare our contempte the nexte sessions, and in the meane tyme to be of good behaviour.

**Arrears due to Constable.** Upon informacon given unto this Corte by William Sympson, late Constable of Micklefeilde, that he hath disbursed, and is out of purse the summe of xxvijs<sup>s</sup> vjd. in the execucon of his office, which is arreare and unpayed unto hym, and that Richard Rawson, John Varley, John Pannell, William Turpyn, and William Ellis thelder, beinge inhabitantes of that constablerie, have refused to pay their layes proporconablelie rated and assessed upon them for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, ORDEREDE that Francis Hopwood, now constable there, shall pay the sayd summe of xxvijs. (*sic*) unto the said Sympson, and it is further ordered that if the sayd Richard Rawson, John Varley, John Pannell, William Turpyn, and William Ellis thelder doe refuse to pay the sayd arreares then, upon complaint maide to anie of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, the sayd severall parties to be taken bownde over to answeare their contempte the nexte sessions.

**Bastardy.** [127*d*] In a case of basterdy betweene William Powell of Bramham and Marie Firburne of the same, ORDERED that because the said Marye Firburne hath mantayned and provided for the sayd base chylde by the space of fower yeares laste paste without anie contribucon from the said William Powell, that the said Powell shall pay and satisfie unto the said Marye the summe of vs. for the monthe she lay in child bedd, and further shall pay six pence weekelie for the tyme paste that the said Marye hath provided for the base chylde, and allow ix*d*. weeklie heareafter towards the releife of the said base chylde untill yt attaine the adge of seaven yeares, unlesse he be willinge to provyde for yt at his owne chardge, and it is further desyred that some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace neare adjoyninge unto Bramham will take the said Powell bownde with sewerties for the performance of this order.

**Disturbers of the Peace.** Forasmuche as this Corte is informed that Ellyn Brooke, wife of John Brooke of Wakefeilde, laborer, and Elizabethe Brooke, hir dawghter, are people of verie notorious lyfe and conversacon, beinge common disturbers of the Kinges peace by scowldinge, brawlinge and revylinge their neighbours, and in this troblesome tyme doe commonlie incense and provoke dyvers of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> subjectes unto maine outradges and lewd mysdemeanours, ORDERED that the sayd Ellyn, the mother, and Elizabethe, the dawghter, shalbe by vertue heareof arrested by the constable or baliefes of Wakefeilde, or their deputie, and conveyd unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> howse of Correcon at Wakefeilde, and delivered to the Mr and Governor of that howse, whoe is by vertue hereof to receive and keepe



them in safe custodie, and punnysh them accordinge to the order of that howse, untill they shalbe delivered by dew course of law.

**Idle assessments.** [128] Upon open hearinge of the differences dependinge amongste the inhabitantes of Idle abowte the payment of their layes and assessementes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, forasmuch as this Corte is informed that there is 400 acres of lands, woodye grownde, which is improved and brought into husbandrye and severall howses erected thereupon, and yet the owners and occupyers thereof refuse to pay their said layes proporconablelye with the reste of the inhabitantes there, ORDERED by consente of both parties that the sayd new ymproved lands shalbe assessed and drawne up is (*sic*) the same proporcon of assessementes that the aunciente lands within that lordshipp payeth, at the discretion of Charles Fairfaxe, esq., Richard Brigghowse, gent., James Sagar, and Tristram Kytson, whoe are desyred by this Corte to meete at Idle chappel abowte nyne a clocke upon the firste of Auguste nexte, and make a laye for this service, which shalbe observed accordinglie.

**Arrears due to Constable.** Forasmuch as John Ellis, late Constable of Wakefeilde westegate, informed this Corte that he disbursed in the execucon of his office the summe of fower pownds two<sup>s</sup> vjd., which is behynde and arreare unto hym, and that diverse persons refused to pay their layes leagallie ymposed upon them for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service that yeare, ORDERED that the new presente constable shall forthwith pay the sayd summe unto the sayd John Ellis, and if the said severall persons soe arreare shall refuse to pay their said layes, which are due and oughte to be payed, then by vertue heareof the sayde persons are to be convented by the now presente constable before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, theare to answeare their contempts in the premysses, and to be further dealte withall as to law and justice doth appertaine.

**Fire.** [128*d*] Forasmuch as William Wincke of Heathe, within the par. of Warnfeild, blackesmythe, peticoned this Corte and informed that he, havinge a wyfe and seaven small children, had his dwellinge howse and all his goods therein, upon Whytsunday eve laste paste, burned and consumed by a verie vehment and sudden fyre, in soe much that the said William Wincke is utterlie undone and altogether unable to manteine his wyfe and small children, and whereas this Courte is farther certiefyed that the losse amountethe unto fortie pownds at the leaste, under the hands of divers mynisters and other gent. of good repute and esteeme neare unto Heathe,

and the same summe being of small vallew to certifie unto his gracious Ma<sup>tie</sup> for his lre. pattentes for a collecon, DESYRED, by his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace heare assembled, that the severall mynnisters and curates of the severall churches and chappells within the wapentackes of Agbrigge and Morley, Barckston, and Skyracke, together with the corporacons of Pontefracte and Leedes, will publyshe the contentes heareof in their said severall churches and chappells upon some Lord's day, and the severall churchwardens there to collecte and gather the charitable releife and benevolence of the severall persons then assembled, etc.

**Relief of Poor.** [129] Upon complainte made unto this Corte that one Peter Swifte of Midgeley, woollen webster, havinge latelie married one Hester Swifte, now his wyfe, is fledd out of the countrie and lefte his said wife lykelie to be chardgeable to the said inhabitantes of Midgeley, but for that xvj*li.*, parte of the said Hester's porcon, remainethe in the hands of John Greenwoode of Midgeley, ORDERED that the said John Greenwoode shall pay and satisfye unto the said Hester the summe of fortie shillinges yearelie, for and towards her releife out of the intereste of that monneys, and what the intereste of that monneys will not extend unto then the remainder of the said xls. to be payed out the whole stocke of the sayd xvj*li.*, untill the said William Swiftes returne.<sup>1</sup>

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#### WAKEFEILD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 136] General Sessions held at, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1640, before William Savile, baronet, John Kay, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., and John Farrer, esq., Justices.

**JURORS**—Thomas Morrett, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Kinge, John Marshall, Sam. Marshall, John Simpson, Isaac Dixon, Cornelius Butler, John Beamont, Joshua Roades, Edward Hepworth, Amnel Baxter, David Savage, John Walker, Richard Ingram, Robt. Coghill, Thomas Hirst, and John Benson.

**WHO PRESENT**—John Sladen of Skircoat, laborer, for stealing there on 31 July, 1640, "nyne yeards of woollen cloath," value 2s. a yard, the property of George Lumme. Witn., Geo. Lumme, Jo. Cowper, Jose. Furnis. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Anne Blackeburne of Hallifax, spinster, and Mary Blackburne of the same, spinster, for stealing on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1640,

<sup>1</sup> Orders made at these Sessions relating to the following matters are omitted: Settlement [125, 125*d*, 129].



at Wakefeild, one pair of linnen sheets, value 5s., the property of John Haigh. (Both put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.) Also Richard Poole of Streeteside, laborer, for harbouring them. Witn., Anne Cowper, Jos. Silvester.

[136*d*] Margaret Brunton, wife of John Brunton of Leeds, laborer, for stealing on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, at Wakefeild, "a smocke, a linnen apron, a neck cloath, and a handkerchife," value 5s., the property of Grace Fawcett. Witn., Grace Fawcett, Dorath. Blagburne. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Pothan of Selbie, yeoman, for on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1639, pretending to be the Bailiff of Marmaduke Langdale, knight and Sheriff of Yorkshire, and by colour of his office unjustly exacting at Stanley 15s. in money from W<sup>m</sup> Dodgson for his fee by virtue of a writ of *capias* against the said W<sup>m</sup> Dodgson at the suit of W<sup>m</sup> Clayton for the arrest of the former. Witn., Wm. Dodgson, Mich. Walker, Rich<sup>d</sup> Grime. (At large.)

Samuel Powell of Horsforth, blacksmith, for on the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1640, he being then constable there, contemptuously refusing to serve a warrant of Robt. Rockley, esq., one of the Justices, against Christopher Lupton of Horsforth. Witn., Mich. Greene, gent. (At large. At Wakefeild, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1640(-1), confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Richard Rawden of Rawden, gent., for on the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1640, he being then constable there, contemptuously refusing to serve a warrant of Robt. Rockley, esq., one of the Justices, against John Powell, John Hollings, and Mathew Smyth, all of Rawden. Witn., Mich. Greene, gent. (At large. The same day as above confesses the indictment, and fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 137] Margaret Broadhead, wife of Robt. Broadhead of Holmfirth, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1640, Mary Charlesworth, widow. Witn., Mary Charlesworth, Tho. Robothome. (At large. Wakefeild, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1640(-1), confesses the indictment, fine is taxed at 5s., estreated.)

Richard Brookehouse and Godfrey Brookehouse, yeomen, Richard Longley, Richard Storr, and Ralph Firth, laborers, all of Rothwell, for assaulting and maltreating John Reyner at Carleton on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640. Witn., Jo. Reyner. (All at large.)

John Lambert of Rothwell, husbandman, for assaulting there and maltreating Mark Harrison on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640. Witn., Fr. Grave. (At large. Confesses the indictment, fine is taxed at 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Thomas Browne of Micklefeild, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating Mary Bywater at Garforth on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1640. Witn., Mary Bywater. (Confesses, and his fine is taxed at 12*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[137*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Bywater of Garforth, linnen webster, and Mary Bywater of the same, spinster, for unlawfully breaking the dwelling house of Thomas Browne at Micklefeild in the night of 5<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1640. Witn., Tho. Browne, Jo. Askham. (He at large; she confesses, fine 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

W<sup>m</sup> Walker, jun. of Middleton,<sup>1</sup> yeoman, for breaking and entering there a close of Thomas Walker on 21 Aug., 1640, treading and consuming the grass there growing with certain animals, and throwing down and spoiling a wain, value £3 6*s.* 8*d.*, his property. Witn., Tho. Walker, Math. Whitley. (At large. Confesses the indictment, fine 2*s.* 6*d.*)

Samuel Firth of Bradford, husbandman, for assaulting there and maltreating on 26 Sept., 1640, W<sup>m</sup> Swaine. Witn., Wm. Swaine. (At large. Confesses, fine is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.*, estreated.)

Also for assaulting and maltreating at Bowleing on 26 Sept., 1640, John Walker. Witn., Jo. Walker. (At large. Confesses, fine is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.*, estreated.)

[fol. 138] Nicholas Wheatley of Dewsburie, clothier, for on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, corruptly swearing before William Savile, baronet, John Kaye, esq., and Francis Nevile, esq., justices of the peace, at Wakefeild, that "Thomas Clowdesley, John Benson, and Robert Metcalfe received of Raife Battie 40*s.*, that he was present when it was paide, and that they then promised to dischardge him of all things as well for his false search as for want of weight, and all other suits and troubles concerning his cloath," whereas in truth and fact they never promised to discharge the said Raife Battie. Witn., Tho. Clowdesley, Rob. Metcalfe. (At large. Puts himself, Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641. Void, for insufficient evidence.)

W<sup>m</sup> Beamont of Kirkheaton, yeoman, and [blank] Beamont, his wife, for assaulting there and maltreating Henry Goodall on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1640. Witn., Hen. Goodall, John Sheard. (Puts himself.)

[138*d*] John Reyner and Robert Reyner of Carleton, husbandmen, for assaulting there and maltreating Richard Brookehouse on the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640. (Put themselves, confess, fine 6*d.*)

Henry Goodall of Mirfeild, husbandman, and John Sheard of the same, clothier, for assaulting there and maltreating W<sup>m</sup> Beamont on 20 July, 1640. Witn., Wm. Beamont, Tho. Beamont, Ric. Hepworth. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Rothwell, five miles from Wakefield.



**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 130] **Arrears due to churchwarden.** Upon the peticon of Symon Wade, churchwarden of Warley, in the viccaridge of Hallifax, who informeth that he is out of purse the summe of ten poundes or thereabouts, which he knoweth not how to gett levyed of that towneship, because the overseers for the poore refuse to assist him in distreyninge for the same, ORDERED that the said Overseers there shall joyne with and assist the said Wade in distreyninge and levyinge the said moneys, accordinge to a warrant made under the handes and sealles of Richard Marshe, D.D., and John Farrer, esquire.

**Release by creditors.** Forasmuch as Richard Stubley, late of Heckmondwike, deceased, died intestate, and was greatly indebted to divers persons, and left behynde two yonge children, which are not brought up, the creditors, beinge now willinge to release theire debtes owinge unto them, and that litle goodes which were left, to be disposed of and expended in the maynetayninge and educatunge of the said children, ORDERED that the said goodes shall be ymployed accordingly for the releefe and mayntaynance of the said poore children, as is desired by the creditors.

**Alehousekeeper.** [130d] ORDERED that a warrant *per curiam* shall be awarded against Henry Tompson of Carleton, in the par. of Rothwell, to discharge him from brueinge, because he hath contemptuously kept an alehouse hitherto without licence, and entertayneth his neighboures servantes drinkinge in his house on the Saboth day, and other unfittinge tymes.

**High constable.** For that Mr. Peter Sunderland, one of the high constables within the wappentacke of Agbrig and Morley, hath satisfied this Court of his extraordinary affaires and buisines for the defence of suites, lawe, and other occacons, that he cannot attend the execucon of that office without great losse and prejudice to him and his estate, ORDERED that Michaell Foxcroft of (*sic*), gent., shall attend upon Richard Marshe, D.D., John Farrer, esquire, and Thomas Thornehill, esquire, or some of them, there to take the usuall oath for the execucon of that office, etc.

**Goods seized.** [131] Forasmuch as Thomas Baskerville, Thomas Garnett, and Robert Tompson, constables of Wakefeild, informed this Court that John Comyn and Gawyne Steele, two Scottishmen, cominge unto Wakefeild, was stayed as spyes, and convented before Conyers Darcy, esquier, one of the Justices, who directed that they should be convented before his

Mat<sup>ies</sup> Right Ho<sup>ble</sup> Councell in the North, in which charge there was expended by the said constables the somme of fiftie five shillings or thereabouts, which is arreare and unpaid unto them, ORDERED that the said Baskerville, Garnett, and Thompson shall call together foure sufficient inhabitantes of Wakefeild, and apprise a sadd<sup>1</sup> bay nagg and a dagger, two knyves and a bodkin, beinge the goodes of the said Comyn and Steele, and sell the same, and deduct the moneys which they have disbursed out of the price of the said horse and goodes, and restore the surplusage unto the said Comyn and Steele, when they shall demaund the same.

**Ovenden assessments.** Whereas complaint hath bene made unto this Court by the inhabitantes of Ovenden, touchinge the unequall assessinge of their constable layes, and that the same hath bene for divers yeares last past comonly assessed by foure particuler persons, who are the most able and sufficient men in estates of any within the same towneship, who have dealt very partially in assessinge the same, by over assessinge poore men, ORDERED that all the said constable layes for this yeare to come, which shall be assessed within the said towneship of Ovenden, shall be assessed by John Brigg, Abraham Bates, Henry Wadesworth, and Abraham Brigg, they beinge nominated as indifferent men for assessinge of the same, and that those foure men, who have formerly used to asseesse the same, shall not any wayes medle with assessinge thereof.

**Unreasonable assessment.** Whereas complaint hath bene made by Abraham Illingworth and Richard Dawtrie, two inhabitantes of Ovenden, of a great abuse comitted by Thomas Wilkinson, John Lister, John Brigg, and John Brigg, in makinge an unreasonable and an unequall assessment or constable lay, eased themselves and oppressed divers poore men, ORDERED that a warrant be awarded against them to appeare before Mr. Doctor Marshe and Mr. Farrer, who are desired to examyne the buisines, and bynde them over if they see cause, and in the meane tyme the said assessment not to be levyed.

**Charge for Carriage.** [131*d*] Upon readinge the peticon of Richard Beomount of Warmfeild, who informeth that he was charged by the constable of that towneship with a carriage for his Mat<sup>ies</sup> service from Doncaster to Ferribrigges, and now the said constable refuseth to allow him any thinge for that charge, but ymposeth the same upon the said Beomount, and easeth the rest of the said inhabitantes, which is conceived to

<sup>1</sup> "Sad," a deep dark colour.



be unreasonable, ORDERED that the now constable then shall pay and satisfie unto the said Richard Beomount the summe of xxxijs. vjd. for the charge of that carriadge soe conveyed, beinge a summe usually allowed by other towneshippes neere adjoyninge.

**Idle assessments.** Upon perusall of a certificate made by Richard Brighouse, gent., and Tristram Kitson, two referrers from this Court, who were desired to meet att Idle chapell about nyne a clock upon the first of August last past, and there to make a lay proporconably of the new ymproved landes in Idle, to asseesse and drawe the same to the same proporcon of assessment that the ancient landes within that lordship payeth, att the discrecon of Charles Fairefax, esquire, James Sagar, the said Richard Brighouse and Tristram Kitson, or any two of them, whereupon they certifie that they mett accordingly, and differed onely whether the parke att Idle were new ymproved landes or no, Now upon hearinge both parties it is ORDERED by theire mutuall consentes that all the new ymproved landes, as well the parke as others, and the old landes in Idle, shall be rated and assessed proporconably accordinge to quantite and qualitie, haveinge a respect unto the true vallue and rentes of all the said landes.

**False search seal.**<sup>1</sup> [fol. 132] Whereas Ralphe Battye standeth severally indicted att this generall sessions for usinge a false search seale, contrary to the forme of the statute, and hath entered into recognizaunce to prosecute the same att the next generall sessions to be houlden for this division, now for-

<sup>1</sup> Besides the ulnagers appointed by the Crown to collect the subsidies granted to the King on woollen cloths, and who were deputed to measure and seal the same before they were exposed for sale, there were the Cloth Searchers appointed by local magistrates or by mayors of boroughs.

The "Searchers," in the words of the Statute, 3 and 4 Edw. VI, cap. 2, were "to visit and go into every clothier's, draper's, clothworker's, dyer's, and presser's houses, shops, and other places where cloth or dyed wool shall be, and there to make due search, and to view the cloths and wools, made or dried, or remaining to be sold, and to search and try whether as well the said cloths be drawn or strained, or falsely dyed . . . . as also putting any flocks, or any other deceivable thing upon any set cloth, or upon any other cloth, etc." The ulnagers and the searchers, as we might expect, were not always on good terms one with another. Thus, among the Ulnagers' Accounts we find a memorandum dated 16 James I, to the effect that Edward Fairfax and Walter Lacock of Leeds, two deputy ulnagers and subsidy collectors, deposed that the "Common Searchers appointed by the Justices of the Peace for searching of cloths, do usually set their search seals to cloths that are not truly contented, either in weight, breadth, or length; and that the said searchers, who are by their office and oath to search truly the cloths within their charge, are clothiers themselves, and do usually make faulty cloths themselves, as other clothiers do"!

asmuch as itt is most evident, and much complained of, that abuses in this case are not only common but tende to the greate disparagment of good clothmakers, for that by that meanes many badd and false clothes are searched for good clothes, whereby the cloth made in theise partes is much discredited, and the cloth is generall in the saile and vent much hindered, to the greate prejudice of this country and the creditt of our cloth here made, ORDERED that the sayde Battye be prosecuted, and the penaltye imposed upon him, to deterre others in lyke case offendinge, and itt is further ordered that from hencefforth every searcher of cloth within this W.R., when he is chosen to be searcher, shall cause a seale to be made of iron, or of steele, wherein his surname shalbe ingraven in letters att large, with the yeare of our Lord, which he shall sett to every cloth himselfe, without lending the same to any other person, and that every searcher for the yeare last past, and all former searchers, that have any serches they used in their custodie, shall deliver the same to the clarke of the peace for this W.R. att Michaelmas sessions next, with a particuler of all the defectes and offenders, and particuler of their offences, which they founde in their yeare, upon payne of forfeiture of their recognizaunce, and every searcher from henceforth shall deliver to the sayde clarke of the peace, to be by him entered upon record, a particuler of all such offences and offenders att every quarter sessions, and to remaine with the clarke of the peace and entred upon recorde, as afforesaid, to the ende the intencon of that statute for prevencon of bad and false clothmakeinge may be putt in exicucon, and the false makeinge of cloth prevented, and the makers of such false cloth discovered, and that this order be published in all churches and chappelles, where cloth is made, within this W.R., to the ende such persons, both clothieres and searcher, may take notice herof, and reforme their former abuses herein, least the exicucon of the sayde statute be put in exicucon upon them. [132*d*] And that all recognizaunces, hereafter to be taken by any justice of peace, which this Court desireth may be by them forborne, and taken in open Court, may be certified to the sayde clarke of the peace to remaine upon recorde, together with a certificate to the ende such abuses may be prevented and the offenders punished.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Orders made at these Sessions relating to the following matters are omitted : Bastardy [130*d*] and Relief of Poor [130, 131*d*].



## DONCASTER.

[fol. 140] General Sessions held at, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1640, before William, Lord Crichton, William West, esq., and Thomas Jopson, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Robt. Wilbore, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Walker, gent., Robt. Cooke, W<sup>m</sup> Baines, Rob<sup>t</sup> Beamont, jun., John Fretwell, George Elwes, Ralph Milner, Richard Foster, Richard Bosseville, Martin Crosbie, John Broughton, John Moore, Robt. Elwes, and Thomas Nicholson.

WHO PRESENT—W<sup>m</sup> Bynnie, laborer, Anne his wife, and Richard Hawkeroid, laborer, all of Rotheram, for stealing there on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1639(-40), eight pounds of wool, value 9*d.*, and two quarters of mutton, the property of someone unknown. Witn., Jo. Hanson. (All at large.)

Mary Hall of Arkesey, spinster, for stealing there on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1639(-40), a yard and a half of bone lace (*tenei*), value 4*s.*, three yards of "ribbin" (*bisci*), value 12*d.*, and a pair of gloves (*chirothecarum*), value 8*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Jennings, gent. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Jennings, Sam Doncaster. (Puts herself, guilty to 4*d.*, no chattels.)

[140*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Reyner of Cudworth, shoemaker, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1640, at Dodworth, six beasts head of tanned leather, value 24*s.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Brooke. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Brooke. (Puts himself, guilty to 11*d.*, no chattels.)

Edward Crawshawe of Dodworth, shoemaker, Thomas Rawson *als.* Ryconie of Barnesley, tailor, and W<sup>m</sup> Reyner of Cudworth, shoemaker, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1640, at Dodworth, three half hides, value 40*s.*, the property of John Hobson. Witn., Jo. Hobson. (The first puts himself, guilty, a clerk, is burnt; the others put themselves, not guilty.)

Robert Bradford of Wellingley,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1640, at Wadworth, "one sheave and a halfe of barley," value 5*d.*, the property of Christopher Copley, gent. Witn., Fr. Ibbotson, Tho. Minskipp, Tho. Newland. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 141] James Parkin of Mortomley,<sup>2</sup> husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1640, at Hooton on the Hill, Thomas Greene, against the form of recognizance taken before W<sup>m</sup> West, esq., one of the Justices, on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1640, by Zachariah Parkin of Mortomley, yeoman, for the appearance of the said James at the next General Sessions, and

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Tickhill.

<sup>2</sup> In the township and parish of Ecclesfield.

in the meanwhile for his good behaviour. Witn., Tho. Greene. (At large.)

Robert Hanson of Barnesley, laborer, for unlawfully taking and carrying away on 27 Feb., 1639(-40), at Munkbretton, certain tallow, value 1*d.*, the property of Francis Wortley, knt. and bart. Witn., Ja. Longbothom, Tymo. Daye. (At large.)

Roger Williams, laborer, Elizabeth Williams his wife, and Robert Hanson, laborer, all of Barnesley Birks, for unlawfully taking and carrying away on 28 Feb., 1639(-40), at Munkbretton, "three oake and oller<sup>1</sup> pooles," value 1*s.*, and a board (*repagulum*), value 12*d.*, the property of Francis Wortley, knt. and bart. Same witnesses. (All at large.)

[141*d*] John Towneend, cardmaker, Anne Towneend, spinster, Mary Towneend, spinster, and Edward Collier, laborer, all of Silkston, for on the 8<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1640, forcibly entering there, with many other unknown evil doers, a messuage and 7 acres of meadow and pasture in the peaceable possession of John Crop-ley, gent., and riotously expelling him therefrom, and keeping him so ejected to this day. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Parkin, Jo. Preist, Richard Walker, Tho. Walker. (All at large. Put themselves on the clemency of the Court; fine is taxed at 10*s.*, estreated.)

Nicholas Waterhouse of Tollerton, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating Alice Bland at Sheffield on 31 July, 1640. Witn., Tho. Bland. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 40*s.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

John Stuteley of Aldwarke, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating Oliver Brownell at Barnesley on 23<sup>d</sup> Sept., 1640. Witn., Oliver Brownell. (At large.)

[fol. 142] Rolland Robinson of Rotheram, laborer, for assaulting there and maltreating Robert Shertclyffe on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640. Witn., Rob. Shertclyffe. (At large.)

Nicholas Clarke and Thomas Martin of Thurne, butchers, for on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1640, refusing to assist Samuel Tailer, Constable of Thurne, in the execution of his office there. Witn., Sam. Tailer. (At large. Put themselves, at Rotheram, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1641, and there found not guilty.)

Thomas Ward of Stainton, yeoman, for assaulting there and maltreating Elizabeth Roidehouse on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640. Witn., Eliz. Roidhouse. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 5*s.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

<sup>1</sup> Oller=owler, alder.



**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 133] **Maintenance.** Forasmuch as itt was formerly ordered att the last generall quarter sessions of peace houlden for this W.R., that William Mallison of Wathe shoulde either enter very good suertyes unto the churchwardens and overseers of Boulton upon Dearne to educate one Andrew Baxter, sonne of Elizabeth Baxter of Bolton, and not to mispende his goodes and estate, or els that the sayde Elizabeth Baxters freindes shoulde have the tuicon of her sayde childe, and enter to his landes, and lett the same for the best use of the said Elizabeth and her said sonne, because of her simplicitie and weaknes and indistreccon to governe the same, which the said William Mallison hath hitherto neglected to performe, but abuseth both the mother and the child, by deteyneinge from them the possession of their sayd landes and owners goodes belonginge unto them, ORDERED that the sayd churchwardens and overseers shall forthwith enter into the said landes, and either lett the same over, or receive the profittes thereof, and pay the same unto Thomas Kirbye of the par. of Ecclesfeild, who is neare of kindred unto the said Eliz. Baxter and her sonne, and is willinge to provide for the said Eliz., and educate the said Andrew Baxter [*blank*] carefully.

**Expedition to Scotland.** Whereas itt was formerly ordred at the last generall quarter sessions of the peace holden at Rotheram the xiiij<sup>th</sup> day of July last past, that the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill shold contribute five partes with thinhabitantes of Doncaster, in the said wapentacke, in the conveyinge his Ma<sup>tes</sup> carriage this expedicon, now forasmuch as itt appeareth upon oath that thinhabitantes of Doncaster have disbursed in that service the summe of xxxvli. xvs., the sixt parte wherof is vjli. or thereaboutes, ORDERED that the remainder of the sume, beinge xxixli. xvs., shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke, and collected by the high constable there, and paid over unto John Mawd, Richard Lane, and John [*blank*], three of the inhabitantes of Doncaster, to thuse of the said inhabitantes.

**Fire.** [fol. 134] Whereas his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace here assembled are certyfied under the handes of Daniell Jones, parson of Finingley, and John Jackson, curate there, together with divers others, gent., and inhabitantes of Finingley, Blakstone, and Awkley, in the said par. of Finingley, that upon May even last there hopned a most violent and sudden fyre in the dwellinge howse of one Thomas Dolphine of Blakestone, which

fire could by noe meanes be quenched, nor any parte of his goodes be saved, so that he lost goodes to the value of fiftie poundes and upwardes, besides seaven bay of buildinge, of the truth whereof he the said Dolphine hath likewise made oath, so that he is utterly undone, etc., DESIRED that the severall ministeres and curates of the severall churches and chappelles within the wapentackes of Strafforth and Tickhill, Staincrosse and Osgoldcrosse, publish the contentes hereof in their severall churches, etc.

**Order** addressed to the Sheriff, etc., and to the keeper of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> prison at the Castle of Yorke, to commit Thomas Denton of Heeley in Ecclesall, blakesmith, who having been indicted, committed, and convicted as a common barrator and disturber of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> peace and oppressor of his neighbours, and being fined xli. to his Ma<sup>tes</sup> use, and enjoyned to find suerties to good behaviour for three years, contemptuously refused to perform the same, to the castle of York, until he shall have entered recognizances accordingly, and satisfied his Majesty the sum of £10.

**Expedition to Scotland.** [134*d*] Upon perusall of a former order made by the Justices, wherein itt was ordered that thinhabitan<sup>tes</sup> of Bawtree shold provide all such cariages for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, as by lawe they are charged with, dureinge the tyme of this expedicon, and the rest of the inhabitantes of the wapentacke of Straforth and Tickhill to contribute with the said inhabitantes of Bawtrye five partes, and the said inhabitantes to be charged with a sixt parte, soe that the said inhabitantes were accomptable for the moneyes they receave as paye from his Ma<sup>tie</sup>, forasmuch as Thomas Milner, one of the inhabitantes of Bawtrye, hath accounted unto this Court of the charges of these cariages, whereby itt appeareth that the whole charge of these amounteth unto xli. xvs. viij*d*., out of which, deductinge xxxijs. vij*d*. ob., beinge the sixt parte of that summe, there remaineth to be charged upon that wapentacke the summe of viijli. ijs. xj*d*. ob. (*sic*), which arreare unto thinhabitan<sup>tes</sup> of Bawtrye, ORDERED that the said summe of viijli. ijs. xj*d*. ob. shalbe rated and assessed by the high constables of Straforth and Tickhill, and upon that wapentacke collected by the said high constable, and payd over unto the said Thomas Milner, for the use of himselfe and the rest of the inhabitantes of the towne of Bawtrie.

**Dalton assessments.** Forasmuch as divers differences have depended amongst thinhabytantes of the towneshipp of Dalton aboute rateinge and assessinge their layes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service,



ORDERED that an equall assessment shall be rated and assessed amongst them, accordinge to the quantitie and quallitie of the acres everye one occupyeth and enjoyeth, allowinge five acres of arable in the open feild to be assessed against three acres of inclosed landes in that towneshipp.

**Relief of poor.** [fol. 135] ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Hatefeild shall allow unto Rich. Whitehead viij*d*. weekly, and to Alverey Jowkin and Jennett his wife x*d*. weekly, for and towards their releife.

**Relief of poor.** Forasmuch as William Ardsdale of Rawcliffe had his house most miserablye burnt, and all the goodes consumed, beinge an old man, aged 95 or thereaboutes, beinge for the present destitute of howse roome and harbour and haveinge a wife and 3 children to provide for, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of Rawcliffe shall allowe unto the said William the summe of viij*d*. weekly for their releife, and further, provide him convenient howseroome, or else the penaltie of the lawe to be imposed upon them, and further consideracon to be taken of his peticon at the next generall quarter sessions holden at Barneseley.

**Expedition to Scotland.** [135*d*] Whereas itt was formerly ordered at the last generall quarter sessions of the peace holden at Rotheram 14 July last past, that the wapentacke of Staincrosse shold contribute proportionablye with them of Osgodcrosse in the chardge of conveyinge his Ma<sup>tes</sup> carriages this expedicon, Now forasmuch as itt appeareth upon oath, that the high constables of the wapentacke of Osgodcrosse have disbursed in that service the summe of xxvij*li*., the third parte wherof, beinge ix*li*., ought to be estreated upon the wapentacke of Staincrosse, beinge the ancient proportion of the said wapentacke, ORDERED that the said summe of ix*li*. shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto the high constable of the wapentacke of Osgodcrosse, and it is further ordered that the remainder of that summe, beinge xvij*li*., and the summe of x*li*s. j*d*. for watchinge of beacons, shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke of Osgodcrosse, and collected for the several uses aforesaid.

**Womersley assessments.** [fol. 136] Upon open heareinge of the diffrences dependinge betweene George Twistleton, gent., William Turner, and others of the inhabitantes of Womersley, aboute the rateinge and assessinge of their layes and assessments, ORDERED that the said Mr. Twistleton, William Turner, William Royston, and Francis Cowper shall make and rate an assessment proporconablye, accordinge to the quantitie and

quallitie of acres everye one occupieth, in Womersley, within a moneth next comeinge, and the impropriacon there to be assessed and rated accordinge to the true estimate of the yearely value thereof, and the said assessment to be certified unto this Courte, and confirmed accordingly, but if any of the said assessors be refractorie, or refuse to meete and rate the said assessment, then it is further ordered that, upon complainte made to any of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> Justices, the said parties, so refuseinge, to be convented before him, and bound over to answer their contemptes the next sessions.

**Beacons.** Forasmuch as this Courte is informed upon oath, that there is disbursed within the wapentacke of Staincrosse the summe of xxijs. [blank] *d.* for attendinge and fireinge of beacons in that wapentacke, which is arreare unto the high constables there, ORDERED that the said summe shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke, etc.

**Levell of Dykes-marsh.**<sup>1</sup> [136*d*] Forasmuch as this Cort is informed, that divers the owners and occupiers of the ymprovementes within the Levell of Dykesmarsh, and lordshipp of Rawcliffe, beinge aboute foure hundreth acres, are arreare and behinde with their severall assessmentes, legallye and proportionablye rated and assessed upon them, for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, amountheinge in all to the summe of tenn poundes or upwardes, ORDERED that if any person who occupieth and enjoyeth any of that landes within Rawcliffe shall refuse to pay the said assessmentes, soe rateablye and proportionablye ymposed and assessed upon them, then, upon complainte made to any of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, they, soe refuseinge, to be convented before him, and taken bound to answere their contemptes in the premisses at the next sessions.

**Relief of poor.** Upon heareinge the differences dependinge betweene thinhabitantes of Stainforth and one Thomas Hamerton, a poore man, aboute provideinge for and releiveinge the said Thomas, ORDERED that he be allowed viij*d.* weekly, untill they can show good cause to the contrarye.

**Disordered alehouse.** Forasmuch as this Corte is informed upon oath, that one Christopher Fletcher of Hooton Pannell keepeth a disordered alehowse, and entertaineth divers strangeres and others gameinge and drinkeinge at uncivile tymes, both upon the Sundayes and in the night tymes, ORDERED that the said Fletcher shalbe discharged from brewinge, or sellinge, ale or beare, in Hooton Pannell or elsewhere, by the space of three yeares now next comeinge accordinge to the statute.

<sup>1</sup> In the township and parish of Thorne.



**Highway.** [fol. 137] Upon readinge the peticon of thinhabitantes of Upton, forasmuch as itt appeareth that a presentment was formerly preferred against thinhabitantes of the par. of South Kirbye for repairinge of a highway, leadinge betweene the markett townes of Wakefeild and Doncaster, parte of which way the said inhabitantes of Upton doe acknowledge to lye within their towneshipp, beinge of the par. of Wadsworth (*sic*), which conteyneth aboute xx yeardes, but because of the unseasonablenes of the wether itt was desired that the said inhabitantes might have tyme to repaire the same untill the wether is more seasonable, which this Cort conceiveth to be reasonable, and doth give tyme for the repaire thereof untill Whitsuntide next, and doth order that the paine upon the presentment be stayed and not proceeded in hencforth.

**Deserters.** Forasmuch as the severall constables within the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill have showed unto this Cort that they, haveinge arreasted divers soldieres which fledd from their colours, and convented them before the next justices of peace, who committed them to his Ma<sup>tes</sup> joale at the castle of Yorke, upon which occasion severall summes of money were disbursed by the said constables in conveyinge the said prisoners with unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> joale, are arreare unto them, DESIRED by this Cort that Sir Edward Roades, knight, one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, will call the said severall constables before him, and examine what summes were disbursed by them, and rate the same upon the severall constablaryes within the wapentackes of Strafforth and Tickhill, Osgoldcrosse and Staincrosse, and give in charge to the severall high constables to collectt the same, and pay itt over unto the severall pettye constables who formerly disbursed the same.

**Assessments.** [fol. 138] Wheras this Cort is certified from Sir Edward Osborne, barronet, Vice-President of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> right ho<sup>ble</sup> Councell established in these North partes, that he, haveing examined the differences depending betweene thinhabitantes of Stainforth and Hatefeild about the payment of a third parte of a new assessment out of the Levell unto them of Stainforth, as hath beene accustomed aunciently, for that he thincketh fitt that the said proporcon shold be thenceforth duely paid and continued unto them of Stainforth by the towne of Hatefeild and Hatefeild Woodhowse, out of the assessmentes assessed upon the said new ymproved Levell within the said constablarye of Hatefeild, for the use of the poore onely, and that all arreares (if any such be) shold forthwith likewise be paid without further scruple and question, THIS CORT doth

therefore confirme the said former order by the said Sir Edward Osborne, as much as in them lyeth, and doth further order that the same shalbe continued and paid hereafter as aforesaid.<sup>1</sup>

### KNARESBROUGH.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 143] General Sessions held at, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, before Henry Goodricke, k<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Mauliverer, esq., and George Marwood, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Mathew Wood, gent., Simon Brough, gent., John Warriner, Adam Preston, Walter Buckle, Thomas Longe, Charles Catton, Christopher Yeats, W<sup>m</sup> Pullen, Henry Peele, Peter Scaglethorp, W<sup>m</sup> Fletcher, Henry Dicconson, Charles Carrett, and Francis Allen.

WHO PRESENT—Peter Brownerigg of Litle Ribston, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 10 Aug., 1640, William Laycon. Witn., Hen. Bigland, Jo. Hargrave, Jo. Wright, Tho. Parke. (Puts himself, confesses, fine is taxed at 12*d*.)

Also for assaulting and maltreating there on the same date Thomas Hudson. Same witnesses. (Puts himself, confesses, fine is taxed at 12*d*.)

[143*d*] Thomas Wyncopp of Farnham, spurrier, for assaulting and maltreating Thomas Nixon at Knaresbrough on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1640. Witn., Tho. Nixon. (At large. Puts himself.)

Ninyan Wilkinson of Staveley, yeoman, for on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1640, maintaining there a cottage for the habitation of Christ<sup>r</sup> Johnson without assigning thereto 4 acres of land according to the Statute. Witn., Raife Lathom, gent. (At large. Puts himself.)

George Dicconson of Greenehammerton, husbandman, for being there on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1640, and at other times, an alehouse keeper, and not observing the Assize. Witn., Rob. Rudd, Jo. Jackson. (Confesses, discharged from brewing until, etc.)

[fol. 144] Richard Bradley of Farnley, junior, laborer, for assaulting there on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, and maltreating John Dunwell. Witn., Jo. Dunwell. (Confesses, fine 5*s*., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Ralph Leathom of Lofthoushill, gent., for assaulting and maltreating at Staveley on 2<sup>d</sup> Jan., 1639(–40), Richard Dicconson. Witn., Richard Dicconson. (Puts himself, guilty, fine 3*s*. 4*d*., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

<sup>1</sup> Orders made at these Sessions relating to the following matters are omitted: Maintenance of bastard child [133*d* (2), 135, 137*d*] and Relief of Poor [135*d*, 137*d*, 138].



Precilla Foster, wife of John Foster of Spofforth, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1640, William Milner. Witn., Geo. Wray, W<sup>m</sup> Milner, Geo. Wilson. (At large. Confesses, fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, estreated.)

George Wray, wheelwright, and W<sup>m</sup> Milner, laborer, both of Spofforth, for assaulting and maltreating there on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1640, Precilla, wife of John Foster. Witn., Rob. Foster, John Foster. (Put themselves, confess, fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.* each, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[144*d*] A penalty of £5 was laid upon William Allen of Thorp Underwood, because he had not "scoored the brooke" flowing in a place between Redmer plaine and the river called Owse, within the Lordship of Thorp Underwood. (On the certificate of George Marwood, esq., the penalty is exonerated.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 139] **Winterburne bridge.** Upon certificate made into this Cort, under the hand of Sir William Lister, knt., that a certaine bridge called Winterburne bridge, within the wapentacke of Stainclyffe, beinge the high way betweene the townes of Carleton, Scostropp, and other townes nere adjoyneinge, unto the markett towne of Rippon, and soe northwardes, verye necessarye for the whole countreye, to be in greate decay, and that it is unknowne who ought to repaire the same, THIS CORT, takeinge the same into consideracon, doth thinke fitt and order, in regard the Countrie is sore chardged with other bridges, and that there is some monies left unbestowed of Gargale (*sic*) bridge, itt beinge finished, that the summe of *vli.* shalbe deducted out of the said moneys towards the rebuildinge of the said bridge at Winterburne, and paid over unto the handes of Roger Whawley, gent., who is desired to see the said *vli.* frugallye bestowed.

**Maintenance of relatives.** [139*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is informed upon oath that one Issabell Taylor of Roust' within the par. of Gigleswicke, widdowe, refuseth and denyeth to maintaine and provide for Roger Lupton and Issabell Lupton, two of her grandchildren, soe that they are like to become chargeable unto thinhabitantes of the par. of Tatam, in the co. of Lancaster, where they now are settled, shee the said Issabell Taylor beinge of good abillitie and sufficiencie, ORDERED that the said Roger Lupton and Issable Lupton shalbe remainded and sent from Tatam unto the said Issabell Taylor at Roust', and there to be provided for and maintained by her, the said

Issabell, as the lawe in that case hath appoynted, which iff the said Issabell Taylor shall refuse to performe then, upon complaint made to any of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, then the penaltie of the lawe in that case provided to be ymposed upon her, and it [is] further ordered that the said Issabell Taylor shall pay unto George Wildman and John Ellershawe, beinge overseeres of the parr. of Tatam, the summe of xls. for their charges, expended in maintaineinge and provideinge for the said children since the death of John Lupton, their father, and in prosecucon against the said Issabell Taylor, or, upon complaint to any his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, shee to be taken bound to answeare the premisses the next sessions.

**Apprentice.** [fol. 140] Upon readinge the peticon of Ellen Bolton of Wetherbye, widowe, who informeth that William Bolton, her sonne, beinge putt apprentice unto one Thomas Smith of Wetherbie, freemason, the said Smith hath putt her sonne out his service without showeing any cause att all, ORDERED that the said Thomas Smith shall entertayne the said William Bolton, his apprentice, into his said service, or else forthwith showe good cause before Sir Henrye Goodricke, knt., one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace.

**Money retained.** Upon readinge the peticon of John Wilkes and William Wilkes, his sonne, both of Nidd, forasmuch as itt appeareth that the said John Wilkes and William Wilkes deposited in the handes of the churchwardnes and overseeres of the poore of Staveley the summe of foure poundes, which was to goe forwardes for the use of a bastard child, begotten by the said William Wilkes upon the bodye of one Alce Douglas, which said childe is dead lately, and the monyes is still in the handes of the churchwardnes and overseeres undisposed of for the preferment of the said childe, ORDERED that the said summe shalbe repayed by the said churchwardens and overseeres unto the said John Wilkes and William Wilkes, unto whome itt is conceived the same of right belongeth.<sup>1</sup>

#### WETHERBIE.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 146] General Sessions held at, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1640(-1), before Henry Goodricke, k<sup>t</sup>, and George Marwood, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Robert Thornton, gent., Richard Barrowe, gent., Thomas Ketlewell, Chris<sup>r</sup> Knightson, John Pudsey, William

<sup>1</sup> Orders made at these Sessions relating to the following matters are omitted : Relief of Poor [139, 141*d*].



Gill, George Wilkes, William Clint, W<sup>m</sup> Fletcher, W<sup>m</sup> Broadbelt, Walter Buckle, Thomas Greaves, Richard Hill, Martin Archer, and Richard Abbey.

WHO PRESENT—Henry Simpson of Skireholme,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, for stealing there on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1640, a wether, value 5s., the property of Robt. Simpson and Thomas Simpson. Witn., Rob. Hey, Tho. Simpson. (Puts himself, guilty to the value of 1*d.*, no chattels.)

Richard Richardson of Knaresbroughe, laborer, and Jennett his wife, for assaulting and maltreating there on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1640, Henry Robinson. Witn., Hen. Robinson. (At large.)

[146*d*] Richard Dicconson of Staveley, yeoman, for on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1640, having newly erected and built there a cottage for the habitation of John Braithwaite, without assigning thereto 4 acres of land according to the Statute. Witn., Raife Leathom, Tho. Skeldon. (Confesses the indictment according to the form of the Statute, and the fine is £10, estreated.)

Thomas Nixon of Plumpton, gent., for assaulting and maltreating on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1640, at Knaresbrough, Thomas Wyncopp. Witn., Tho. Wyncopp. (Confesses the indictment, and the fine is taxed at 3s. 4*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Thomas Atkinson of Whitewall, yeoman, and Thomas Sotherne of Haveray Parke, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 14 Oct., 1640, at Knaresbrough, Peter Scaglethorpp. Witn., Pet. Scaglethorp. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

[fol. 147] Miles Abbey of Hopperton, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 3<sup>d</sup> Nov., 1640, at Walshforth, John Ellinson. Witn., Jo. Ellinson. (Confesses, his fine is taxed at 3s. 4*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

W<sup>m</sup> Hardestie of Hampesthwate, yeoman, and W<sup>m</sup> Simpson of Alverey Parke, woollen webster, for on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1639(–40), obstructing the king's highway at Alverey Parke, leading between the market towns of Knaresbrough and Skipton, with a certain hedge. Witn., Fr. Bramley, Mich. Skaife, Chr. Forrest. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

A penalty of £5 is laid upon William Broadbelt of Knaresbrough because he has not repaired the highway leading between the town of Plumpton and the market town of Knaresbrough, in a place there called Spitle Croft, before the feast of S<sup>t</sup> Thomas the Martyr next. Witn., Chr. Roundell, Fr. Steele, Fr. Baxter.

A penalty of £5 is laid upon the inhabitants of Spofforth because they have not repaired the highway leading between

<sup>1</sup> Hamlet in the township of Appletreewick and parish of Burnsall.

the towns of Plumpton and Spofforth, in a lane called Crosber Laine, before the feast of St Thomas the Martyr next. Same witnesses.<sup>1</sup>

### WAKEFEILD.

[fol. 148] General Sessions held at, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1640(-1), before William Savile, bart., John Ramsden, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Stanhope, esq., John Kay, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., John Farrer, esq., and Thomas Thornhill, esq., Justices.

JURORS—W<sup>m</sup> Mallett, esq., John Rayner, gent., Thomas Thomlinson, yeoman, Jonas Hall, yeoman, John Holdsworth, Edward Holdsworth, Leonard Waddington, W<sup>m</sup> Scoley, Humfrey Reyner, John Greene, John Walker, Roger Swift, Robt. Moore, Henry Clarebrough, and James Nailer.

WHO PRESENT—W<sup>m</sup> Collinson of Great Horton, collier, and Susannah his wife, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1640(-1), an iron range value 12*d.*, a wood kitt<sup>2</sup> and a wood can value 14*d.*, a coverlet value 4*d.*, a blanket value 4*d.*, the property of John Collinson. Witn., Jo. Collinson, Tho. Hollings. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Robert Bell of Thurske,<sup>3</sup> laborer, for stealing on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1640, at Wakefeild, two pieces of stuff, value 33*s.*, the property of Daniel Oley. Witn., Dan. Oley, Jane Crosland. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[148*d*] Elizabeth Pitt, wife of Thomas Pitt of Halton, clothier, Elizabeth Clerke of the same, spinster, and Jane Topliffe, wife of James Topliffe of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov., 1640, a petticoat (*parvacidam*) value 4*s.*, two children's coats value 2*s.*, a feather bed cod<sup>4</sup> value 2*s.*, the property of Richard Bradley. Witn., Richard Bradley. (Pitt and Clerke at large; Topcliffe puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Nicholas Garlicke of Hallifax, laborer, for stealing on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1640, at Sowerbie, 4 yards of kersey, value 2*s.* a yard,

<sup>1</sup> Folio 141 in the Order Book, which may have contained the Orders made at these Sessions, is missing.

<sup>2</sup> Kit, a wooden vessel.

<sup>3</sup> In the Lower Division of Claro, seven miles from Knaresborough (once a royal chace).

<sup>4</sup> Cod, a cushion.—

“Faure *coddis* of silke

Chalked whyte as the mylke.”

*Towneley Mysteries* (Halliwell).



the property of John Dixon. Witn., Jo. Dixon. (Puts himself, guilty to 11*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

Dorothy Warrington of Newland, spinster, for stealing on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, at Draxe, a pair of sheets value 5*s.* 4*d.*, and a shirt value 3*s.* 4*d.*, the property of Guy Tailer, gent. Witn., Guy Tailer. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Joseph Philipp of Gawthropp, tailor, for stealing there on 20 Dec., 1640, one cock and two hens, value 18*d.*, the property of John Tirrie. Witn., Eliz. Terrie. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 149] W<sup>m</sup> Harper of Beiston, laborer, for stealing on 24 Nov., 1640, at Morley, two "turkies" (*columbas*), value 3*s.* 4*d.*, the property of Ralph Oates. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Redshaw. (At large.)

Ratclyffe Barneby of Selbie, widow, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1640, a black cow, value £3 10*s.*, the property of Richard Spie. Witn., Ric. Spie. (At large.)

Christopher Battie of Holmfirth, laborer, and Elizabeth Denbie of the same, spinster, for stealing at West Ardesley on 10 Dec., 1640, three geese, value 6*s.*, the property of George Haighe. Witn., Geo. Haighe. (At large. Puts himself, guilty to 5*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

The same for stealing at Woodkirk on 10 Dec., 1640, five geese, value 11*s.*, the property of John Reyner. Witn., Jo. Reyner, Geo. Haighe. (Puts himself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

[149*d*] Sibil, wife of Robert Heald of Halton, husbandman, and Anne Wright, wife of W<sup>m</sup> Wright of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 1 Nov., 1640, a Bible value 4*s.*, and a child's coat value 12*d.*, the property of Jervase Hauley. Witn., Jervase Hawley. (At large.)

John Stott of Warley, tailor, and Abraham Waddesworth of the same, laborer, for stealing on 23 October, 1634, at Oven-den, a sheep, value 5*s.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Deane. Witn., Wm. Deane, Jos. Deane. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

George Dixon of West hardwick, laborer, for stealing on 5 Oct., 1640, at Crofton, twelve sheaves of oats, value 18*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Benkes. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Benkes, Roger Wrethe. (At large.)

W<sup>m</sup> Capps of Heaton, clothier, James Hartley of Allerton, husbandman, and James Kighley of Manningham, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 10 Nov., 1640, at Bradford, Samuel Guy. Witn., Sam. Guy. (At large. Confess, at

Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, the fine of each of them is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[fol. 150] Abraham Brooke of Almonbury, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20 Dec., 1640, John Kaye. Witn., Fr. Horne. (At large. At Wakefeild, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1641, confesses the indictment, the fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

William Kay of Beaghall,<sup>1</sup> gent., and Thomas Chambers of the same, husbandman, for unlawfully taking and driving away there on 20<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1640, "a weather hogg sheepe," value 5s., the property of Richard Hall. Witn., Richard Hall, W<sup>m</sup> Wilson, Tho. Dicken, W<sup>m</sup> Bywater. (Kay puts himself on the clemency of the Court, and the fine is taxed at 2*d.*; Chambers confesses, fine 6*d.*)

John Robinson of Thornhill, laborer, and Thomas Hall of the same, laborer, for unlawfully taking and carrying away on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1640(-1), at Midlestowne, two iron-bound wains, value £5, the property of Nicholas Allen. Witn., Edw. Kitson, Jo. Armistead, W<sup>m</sup> Jackson. (Robinson puts himself; Hall confesses, fine 6*d.*)

Frances, wife of Thomas Holgate of Darrington, gent., for assaulting and maltreating at Darrington on 13 Jan., 1640(-1), W<sup>m</sup> Webster, constable there. Witn., Wm. Webster. (At large. Puts herself on the clemency of the Court, fine 10s., estreated.)

[150*d*] John Garside of Sadleworth, sen<sup>r</sup>, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 4 Dec., 1640, John Garside, jun<sup>r</sup>. Witn., John Garside. (At large.)

Alice Garside, wife of John Garside of Saddleworth, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating on the same day at Saddleworth Elizabeth Garside, wife of Edmund Garside. Witn., Jo. Garside. (At large.)

Thomas Savile of Copley,<sup>2</sup> esq<sup>r</sup>, for assaulting and maltreating on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 1639, at Halifax, William Aspinall. Witn., Jo. Akerode. (Confesses, his fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

The same for assaulting and maltreating on 20 Nov., 1640, at Halifax, James Holland. Witn., Ja. Holland, W<sup>m</sup> Thomas. (Confesses, fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[fol. 151] Thomas Charsworth, George Hill, and W<sup>m</sup> Ironshawe, of Holmfirth, laborers, for unlawfully breaking and entering a close there of Richard Firth, and unlawfully distrain-

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Kellington, six miles from Pontefract.

<sup>2</sup> Buried at Halifax, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1642.



ing and driving away two oxen value £8, "a heyfer" value 40s., and a steer value 40s., his property, outside the manor of Wakefeild as far as the honor of Pontefract, and then and there the same impounded. Witn., Abr. Roide. (All at large.)

John Dixon of Shipley, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, at Bradford, John Hardie. Witn., Jo. Hardie. (At large. At Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, confesses the indictment, and his fine is taxed at 2s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Dorothy Kitson, wife of James Kitson of Churwell, yeoman, and Elizabeth Kitson of the same, spinster, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1640, William Strickland. Witn., Jo. Walker, W<sup>m</sup> Strickland. (At large. At Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, confesses the indictment, the fine is taxed at 2s., estreated.)

[151*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Lound of Doningley,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, Anne Lound his wife, W<sup>m</sup> Lindley of the same, husb<sup>n</sup>, John Smirfitt of Morley, husb<sup>n</sup>, and Richard Tate of West Ardesley, husb<sup>n</sup>, for on the 5<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1640, unlawfully breaking and entering the house of Elizabeth Taler, widow, at Dunningley, taking and carrying away the "dores," and trampling down the grass with their feet. Witn., Tho. Horoven, W<sup>m</sup> Hawley. (The said John Smurfitt at Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, confesses the indictment, fine 2s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

That the common highway leading between the town of Bradford and the market town of Otley, in a place called the Church bridge in Bradford and at the pasture gate near to Bradford delves, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Bradford ought to repair the same. (Respited further.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 142] **Maintenance.** Upon heareinge th inhabitants of the par. of Bradforde and one Sara Wairinge, spinster, who is lately com'd amongst them, and brought with her a younge childe, which shee affirmeth was base begott of her bodye by one John Watkinson of Armeley, forasmuch as upon examinacon of the said Sara Wareinge itt appeareth that the said base childe was borne att Skyrethorne in Threshfeilde, in the house of one William Ayrie, and the filiacon of the childe cannot be made, because neither the midwife nor the woman at the birth were here present, but farr remove from hence,

<sup>1</sup> Dunningley, in the township of West Ardsley, parish of Woodkirk, six miles from Wakefield.

and therefore noe order can be legally conceived and made for the maintnance and releife of the said base childe, as the lawe in that case doth appointe, ORDERED that the said Sara Wareinge and her base childe shall be remaunded from Ecclesall in Bradefordale, and sent unto Threshfeilde, there to be settled and provided for untill they cann legallye dischardge themselves, and an order be conceived by two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace next adjoyneinge unto Threshfeilde, where the said base childe was borne, for the provideinge for and maintaineinge of the same, soe that thinhabitantes of the par. of Bradford may be kept harmeles indempnified from any charge that may accrew or arise, by the said Sara Wareinge and her said bastard.

**Maintenance.** [142*d*] Forasmuch as this Cort is informed that there are three younge children in the towneshipp of Wadsworth, who stand in need of releife, beinge the children of William Greenwood, which children are likely to be chargeable to thinhabitantes there, and Ambrose Greenwood, beinge greate granfather, John Greenwood and John Cockcrofte beinge granfatheres, unto the said children, are chardgeable by law to provide for them and to free the said inhabitantes from any chardge that may accrew or arise thereby, therefore upon heareinge the said parties, ORDERED that Ambrose Greenwoode, the greategrandfather, shall provide for and maintaine the eldest of the said children, John Greenwoode, the grandfather, shall provide for and maintaine the midlemost of there children, and John Cockcroft, grandfather by the mother side, beinge as is conceived of very good abilitie, the youngest of the said children, as the Statute in that case hath appoynted and doth direct.

**Relief of poor.** Upon hearinge Jennett Lorryman of Stapleton, spinster, who informeth that shee hath beene setled and remained in the service of M<sup>rs</sup> Holgate of Stapleton by the space of xxv yeares last past, and the said M<sup>r</sup> (*sic*) Holgate beinge nowe lately dead, the said Jennett Lorryman is aged and infirme, and not able to provide for herselfe, and likewise destitute of housroome and harbour, and altogether unprovided of other necessarie maintnance, ORDERED that the Churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of Stapleton shall provide convenient harbour and howseroome, and allowe her fittinge releife, etc.

**Ovenden Assessment.** [fol. 143] Upon a peticon preferred into this Court by the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of Ovenden in the par. of Hallyfax, who informeth that one Henry Wadsworth and Jonas Deane, committees of Ann Deane and Grace Deane, his Ma<sup>tes</sup> warde, who is seised



of an estate in landes amountinge to seaven score poundes per annum or thereaboutes, refuse to pay such assessmentes as are rateably and proporconably assessed upon them for the releife of the poore within that towneshipp, beinge now assessed after the proporcon of iiij<sup>s</sup>. monethly, ORDERED that the said Henry Wadsworth and Jonas Deane shall forthwith pay the said monethly assessment for the use of the poore, and soe continue the payment of a proporconable assessment heereafter, or else show cause before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, etc.

**Restitution.** Forasmuch as Nicholas Garlicke of Halyfax, labourer, standes convicted for the felonious stealeinge of fowre yeardes of white woollen cloath, beinge the goodes and cattelles of John Dixon of Sowreby, which cloath remaineth in the custodie of Jonathan Webster, constable of Bradeforde, ORDERED that Jonathan Webster shall upon sight hereof restore unto the said John Dixon the said woollen cloath, beinge his owne proper goodes, and to whome of right itt belongeth.

**Gamaliell Whittacres.**<sup>1</sup> [143*d*] Wheras thinhabitantes of the par. of Kirkburton have peticoned and informed this Court that Mr. Gamaliell Whittacres, viccar of Kirkburton, hath not for many yeares last past, nor doth now, at this present, pay any assessment for the releife of the poore of that parishe, although he hath a very good [*blank*] vidlt., 16*oli*. per annum besides his personall estate, which is conceived and thought to be of good value, ORDERED that the said Mr. Whittacres shall be assessed hereafter for the releife of the poore rateably and proporconablye as other inhabitantes there are, and as in [*sic*] the lawe in that case doth appoynte.

**Northowram assessments.** Forasmuch as George Longbothome, constable of Northowram, informeth this Court that Joseph Butterworth, Hugh Berrye, Robert Rishworth the elder, Mrs. [*blank*] Susan Fownes, John Smith, and John Northend, inhabitantes of that constablrye, doe contemptuouslye refuse to pay their layes and assessmentes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service since the last yeare, and are arreare unto him, ORDERED that if the said persons shall refuse to pay their saide layes and assessmentes, as is aforesaid, then upon complainte to any of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace they to be taken bound to answeare their contempt the next Sessions.

**Settlement.** [fol. 144] Upon open heareinge the differences dependinge betweene the inhabitantes of Liversedge, in the par.

<sup>1</sup> Instituted Vicar of Kirkburton, 19 April, 1615.

of Birstall, and Mr Rich. Sykes of Leedes, aboute the providinge for of one Margrett Strickland, who is now greate with childe, and likely to be chardgeable unto the said inhabitantes, forasmuch as itt appeareth upon oath unto this Courte that the said Margarett Stricklande was lawefully hired servant with the said Mr Sykes, and that her yeare is not yett expired, but that shee was put out of her service, and soe desired to remaine and continue in Liversedge, ORDERED that she shalbe remained and sent unto the said Mr Sykes to remaine and continue with him untill the expiracon of her yeare, which is averred to be aboute Midsommer next, and the said Mr Sykes is to pay unto the churchwardens and overseeres of Liversedge the summe of vs. for their chardges expended about this businesse.

**Apprentice.** Forasmuch as this Courte is informed that one Robert Savile of the par. of Birstall, butcher, beinge one of the poore of that parishe, and haveinge a boye aged tenn yeares, or thereaboutes, refuseth to allowe the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore to putt his said sonne apprentice as the lawe in that case hath appointed, ORDERED that the said Robert Savile shalbe committed to the house of Correcon at Wakefeild for his said misdeamenner, if he shall refuse as aforesaid.

**Maintenance.** [144*d*] Forasmuch as this Cort is informed by the inhabitantes of Rastricke that one Robert Childe, a forrener, comminge to live in that towne, married a widdowe of good estate, and obtained a house and above six acres of land for a longe terme yett endureinge for a smale rent, but fallinge to mispend his estate by drinkinge and other lewdnesse, hath mispended his whole estate, and doth not provide for a childe he had by his said wife, but suffereth the same to wander and begg, althouge he be able to worke and provide for the same, ORDERED that he shalbe committed unto the house of Correcon at Wakefeild, there to remaine and continue untill he shall be willinge to provide for the said childe, and conforme himselfe to a more orderly and civile course of life.

**Cottages.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed for and upon the behalfe of William Wright of Wyke, who holdeth certaine landes in Wyke, whereupon there is three cottages, belonginge to the minister of Coley, inhabited by poore people, who if the(y) should be removed from their habitacons would be in danger to wander or starve and begge, and for that he feareth to be presented and punished for the said cottages as inmates, THIS COURT, takeinge into consideracon of the premisses, doth



allowe of the said cottages, as much as in them lyeth, and doth approve the same to continue hereafter, for the use and habitacon of poore people, for the benefitt of the said inhabitantes of Wyke aforesaid.

**Relief of Poor.** [fol. 145] Upon informacon given unto this Court by Abraham Brookesbancke of Shelve, who informeth that one Tho : Foxe, late of Shelve, hath inhabited and remained in a shoppe, or dyeinge howse, of his, beinge parte of a tenement in the possession of one [blank] Wood, widdowe, and the said Foxe, haveinge foure children and his wife nowe greate with childe, is not able to pay any rent nor hath not payd him any for the space of fowre yeares last past, ORDERED that the now Churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of Shelve, with the assistance of the inhabitantes there, shall provide a convenient howse for the said Foxe, his wife, and children, as one of the poore of their towneshipp, and the said Foxe and his familye are forthwith to remove out of the said dyeinge house, or shopp, and leave the same, that he the said Abraham Brookesbancke may be at libertye to make the best use and profitt thereof he cann.

**Cottages.** Upon heareinge thinhabitantes of the towneshipp of Wyke and Hester Pollard, widow, aboute the tolleracon and allowance of two cottages within that towneshipp, wherein Sara Walshawe, widowe, and Mary Thorneton, widowe, now inhabiteth, beinge very poore people, and the said cottages beinge the inheritance of the said Haster Pollard, ORDERED, by consent of both partyes, that the said Sara Walshawe and Mary Thorneton shall remaine and continue in the said cottages without the danger of the statute of inmates, and further that the said cottages shall continue hereafter unto the use of the poore of that towneshipp, the inhabiteres of those howses, or the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there, payinge for the rent of the said howses unto the said Haster Pollard, her heires or assignes, the summe of viijs. viij*d*. yearely.

**Plague.** [145*d*] Whereas this Corte is informed that, by occasion of the heavie visitacon of the plague by which itt hath pleased God to visitt the inhabitantes of Dewesburye by the space of [blank] moneths last past, the same contagion still continueinge in some particuler places there, the trade and commerce of those inhabitantes are soe much decayed, and the poore so exceedingly increased by reason of their restraint that aboute two hundreth seaventie and odd persons are to receive weekly allowance and releife, which chardge and burthen

cann be noe longer supported and borne without the charitable assistance of the neighbouringe partes, His Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace here assembled, haveinge in speciall manner taken into consideracon the distressed estate of the inhabitantes of that towne, and haveinge a fellowe feelinge of their distresse and miserie, and out of their readiness and endevoures to give them releife, haveinge alreadye chardged thinhabitantēs within five miles adjacent unto the said towne with an assessment of xxiiij*li.* xvjs. viij*d.* for their present maintnance, doe therefore thinke fitt that a convenient contribucon be given and collected within that rideinge to the releife of the said towne, soe longe as by reason of the visitacon ther shall be cause for the same, and therefore order that the summe of three score and sixteene poundes three shillinges foure pence shalbe forthwith estreated upon the wapentacke of Agbrige and Morley, the said townes scituate to make upp the said summe of twenty-three poundes sixteene shillinges eight pence formerly allowed out of the townes adjacent within five miles the summe of a hundreth poundes, and likewise the summe of a hundreth poundes more to be estreated upon this whole Westrideinge, and collected by the severall high constables of the severall wapentackes, and paid over unto the handes of Sir William Savile, bart., and John Kay, esquire, two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace neare adjoyninge the said towne, who doe undertake to pay and disburse the same for the releife of the said poore and distressed inhabitantes, and itt is intended and ordered by this Corte that a stronge watch be kept aboute the house of John Dawson in Dewsbury, which is now infected, that noe person escape out of the same, or goe abroad without licence from the said Sir William Savile, [fol. 146] or the said Mr Kaye, and this Courte doth further intreate that the said Sir William Savile and John Kaye, esquire, or thone of them, will nominate some able and sufficient inhabitantes of the places nearest adjacent to the said towne of Dewsburye, whose honestie and sufficiencie is well knowne unto them, to veiwe the infected howses and those people which are restrained, and make certificate to them what person, or persons, they conceive and thinke fitt may have their libertye and goe abroad, that thereupon Sir William Savile and Mr Kaye, or thone of them, may give libertye unto the said persons to goe abroad and follow their commerce and tradeinge, that the cuntryes money may not be wastefully mispended, and those inhabitantes which are free from the infection restrained of their much desired libertye.



**Maintenance.** Upon heareinge the inhabitantes, churchwardens, and overseeres of the poore of the towne and par. of Bradeforde, who informeth that one Mary Hall, an infant aboute the age of six yeares, is maintained of the allowance for the poore, and hath a rent of xxjs. viij*d*. yearely due unto her out of certaine landes, and the feoffees are willinge to pay the same towards the releife of the said Mary Hall dureinge the tyme shee shalbe chardgeable unto the said inhabitantes, soe that they may be dischargd of the same uppon their accomptes, ORDERED that John Sagar and Thomas Swaine, beinge feoffees in trust for the payment of that moneyes, shall heareafter continue the payment of that summe yearely unto the churchwardnes and overseeres there for the releife of the said poore childe dureinge the tyme shee shall be chardgeable unto them, and this shall be their dischargd therein.

**Relief of Poor.** [146*d*] Upon the peticon of Barbarie Blakburne, a poore old woman, who complaines and informeth this Court that shee, haveinge six smale children, the eldest whereof is not able to adle her liveinge, but all the chardge of provideinge for them lieth upon the peticoner, saveinge sixteene pence a moneth allowed by the churchwardens and overseeres of that parishe, out of which shee is forced to pay and contribute to all the constable layes and assessmentes within the towneshipp of Sharlestone, which is conceived to be unreasonable, ORDERED that she shall have xx*d*. a moneth for the releife of herselfe and her said children, and that shee shalbe exempted from payinge any more layes heareafter, in regard of her povertye and wante.

**Churchwardens' disbursements.** Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of the par. of Kirkburton peticoned and informed this Corte that John Kaye, Joseph Mosley, Godfrey Horne, Mathew Nobles, Christopher Tinker, James [*blotted*], John Morehowse, and Godfrey Robertes, beinge churchwardens of the par. of Kirkburton for the last yearē, doe chardge the said parishoners with many unjust and unreasonable disbursements, as in particuler they charge the said parishe in the summe of eight pound foureteene shillinges and fowre pence for wine and bread, whereas itt is certaine the charge of that wine was but six pound nine shillinges seaven pence, and then the bread must be fortye fowre shillinges nine pence, which is conceived to be unreasonable, ORDERED that the said churchwardens shall attend upon John Kaye, esq., and Thomas Thornehill, esquire, two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, and there make a perfect accompt of their receiptes and disbursmentes

dureinge that yeare, or else, upon complainte made to some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> (justices) of peace, they to be taken bound to answeare their contemptes the next generall quarter (sessions).

**Arrears due to Constable.** [fol. 147] Wheras James Harwood, late constable of Wadsworth, informeth this Courte that diverse inhabitantes of that constablerye are arreare and behinde with him in the payment of their layes and assessmentes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, ORDERED that the said James Harwood shall attend upon Mr Docter Marshe, John Farrer, and Thomas Thornehill, esquires, or any two of them, at their best leasure, and make his accomptes of his receiptes and disbursmentes the last yeare, and itt is desired further that if such persons as shall be found arreare unto the said James Harwood in their layes shall refuse to pay the same, then the said justices will please to take them bound over to answeare their contemptes the next Sessions.

**White meats.** For the helpe and maintnance of sicke and weake people in this tyme of Lent, accordinge to the usuall custome formerly observed in these partes of this W.R., ITT IS CONCEIVED and thought fitt by this Courte that William Cawthorne, Thomas Norfolke, and Lawrance Cawthorne may kill and dresse veales and other provision of flesh meates, accustomed for the sicke and weake people, as is aforesaid.

**Folby and Sharlstone assessments.** [147d] Upon open heareinge the differences dependinge betweene the inhabitantes of Folby and Sharleston, being both within one constablerie, about the rateing and assessinge of their laies and assessmentes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, thinhabitantess of Folby alleadginge that ye hamlett of Sharleston is of farr greater value then the hamlett of Folbye, and therefore desire that an equall and porconable laye should be made in the saide constablerie, forasmuch as it appeareth unto this Court that all layes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, heretofore made in that constablerie, have beene laide accordinge to an ancient custome, viz., thinhabitantess of Folbie to pay a third penny to them of Sharleston, which hath beene usuallye and constantly observed, ORDERED that the saide ancient custome shalbe hereafter observed, and if ye inhabitantes of Folbye cann make it appeare that there is anie landes inclosed in Nostall parke, or elsewhere, which formerly belonged unto that constablerie, and is not already chardged and assessed, the same hereafter to be assessed with them of Folbie, as by lawe it ought.



## BARNESLEY.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 153] General Sessions held at, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1640(-1) before Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, William West, esq., Robert Rockley, esq., and John Farrer, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Robert Hawkesworth, gent., Thomas Roodes, gent., Robert Beamont, gent., Robt. Chopwell, W<sup>m</sup> Crookes, George Wade, John Broughton, Henry Pickeringe, Thomas Wood, Henry Ellis, Edward Ibbotson, Thomas Woodcocke, W<sup>m</sup> Revell, Richard Hawkesworth, and James Thrift.

WHO PRESENT—W<sup>m</sup> Reyner of Cudworth, corviser,<sup>1</sup> for stealing on 12 June, 1640, at Dodworth, "six oxe heads (? hides) of tanned leather" (*sex pec' corer' bovin'*), value 33s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Brooke. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Brooke. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Mary wife of Robert Dixon of Sikehouse, laborer, for stealing there on 26 Sept., 1640, £3 in money, belonging to Thomas Nailer. Witn., Tho. Nailer. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[153*d*] John Glossopp of Wortley, tailor, and Mary Glossopp of the same, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20 Dec., 1640, Alice Faireborne. Witn., Alice Faireborne, Richard Windle. (Rotheram, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1641, confess, and the fine is taxed at 12*d.*, paid Sheriff in Court.)

Thomas Brooke of Dodworth, tanner, and John Hobson, jun<sup>r</sup>, of the same, yeoman, for on the 20 July, 1640, breaking and entering the free park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., commonly called Wortley park, and there killing a doe with a handgun charged with powder and a bullet, without the licence of the said Francis Wortley. Witn., Jo. Reyney, W<sup>m</sup> Reyney, Anth. Fraunce. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

James Finche of Southindley, yeoman, for on the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1640, uttering there these contemptuous and opprobrious words concerning Thomas Jopson, esq., one of the Justices, viz.: "S——e of Jopson, and a f——t for him." Witn., Anth. Jenkinson. (Confesses, the fine is taxed at £6 13s. 4*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[fol. 154] Thomas Greenebanke of Batley, husbandman, Philip Turner of the same, laborer, and Thomas Wilson of the same, blacksmith, for on 23 Dec., 1640, unlawfully assembling at Topliffe in the parish of Woodkirke, breaking and entering the free warren of William Armitage, gent., and there hunting

<sup>1</sup> Cobbler.

with "ferrittes" (*canibus*) and nets the conies of the said W<sup>m</sup> Armitage, without his licence. Witn., Jo. Clegg. (All at large.)

The same for that on the above occasion, not having lands and tenements to the annual value of 40s., they had in their possession and used nets for destroying hares and conies. (All at large.)

Elizabeth Roidhouse, wife of W<sup>m</sup> Roidhouse of Stainton, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, Thomas Ward. Witn., Tho. Ward. (Confesses, fine 20s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

That the common bridge called Catclife Bridge, within the parish of Rotheram, is now in great decay for lack of repair, etc. And that the inhabitants of Rotheram and Treeton ought to repair the same bridge before Michaelmas next under a penalty of £40. Witn., Jo. Stacye, Tho. Stacy.

[154*d*] Robert Clayton of Stainbroughe, husbandman, for unlawfully killing and carrying away a hare at Wortley on 20 Dec., 1640. Witn., Jo. Woodcoke, Reginald Bostocke. (Confesses, the fine is taxed at 20s. to the use of the poor, according to the form of the Statute.)

Elizabeth Helliwell of Rotheram, spinster, for on 10 Dec., 1640, at Rotheram, maliciously mixing a certain poison called rat's bane with pottage (*licol'*), and giving the same to Nicholas Spademan of Rotheram, by eating whereof he became seriously ill. Witn., Nic. Spademan. (At large. Rotheram, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1641, confesses the indictment, and her fine is taxed at (*blank*).)

John Towneend of Silkston, cardmaker, for on 6 Nov., 1640, there contemptuously refusing to obey the warrant of Marmaduke Langdale, k<sup>t</sup>, then Sheriff,<sup>1</sup> by virtue of a writ of *habere facias* issuing out of the Court of Sessions held at Doncaster 14<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, for delivering possession of a messuage and 7 acres of meadow and pasture to one John Copley, gent., and directed to George Denbie, Robert Shertclyffe, and Thomas Ellison. Witn., Tho. Oakes, W<sup>m</sup> Parkin, Tho. Ellison. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, the fine is taxed at 5s., paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 155] George Lee, James Shipperd, and Jervas Shipperd, all of Rawmarsh, laborers, for on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1640, breaking and entering there a close of Elizabeth, Lady Fuljambe, throwing down the hedges, and taking away the rails. Witn., Rob. Moseley. (Confess the indictment, and the fine of each is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

<sup>1</sup> Of Dalton, Sheriff 1639, the Royalist General, created a peer (Lord Langdale) by King Charles II.



John Shawe, sen<sup>r</sup>, Richard Shawe, John Shawe, jun<sup>r</sup>, and Thomas Shawe, all of Peniston, clothiers, for on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1640, unlawfully setting up and exercising at Gunthwate the art or mystery called in English the dyer's trade, when in truth they were never brought up in that art as apprentices for the space of 7 years, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Tho. Bever, Lionell Downend. (All at large. At Pontefract, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1641. The indictment is void for insufficiency.)

George Rogers and James Hinchcliffe, both of Barnesley, laborers, for on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1640, exercising there the art or mystery of the butcher's trade, without having been brought up therein as apprentices for the space of 7 years, etc. Witn., Jo. Shappard, Geo. Carr. (Fine, 40s.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 149]<sup>1</sup> **Committal order.** To the sheriffe and to the keeper of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> prison att the Castle of Yorke, greetinge :

Whereas Gilberte Sikes of Ferryfreston, laborer, Joane Birkinshawe, the wife of Henry Birkinshawe of the same, laborer, and Jane Tompson of the same, widdowe, standes indicted for the felonious stealinge of fower peeces of woollen cloth to the valewe of vij*li.*, beeinge the goodes of one Edward Williams, and hath not as yett received their legall tryall, these are to chardge and commaunde you that ye receive into your custodie their bodies, and them safely keepe, etc.

**Aldwark assessment.** Whereas the inhabitantes of the par. of Rawmershe doe informe this Court that there are areare, and behinde, diverse layes and assessements for the landes and lordeshippes of Aldewarke in the sayde parish, beinge legally and proporconably assessed upon Sir Francis Foliambe, bart., in his life tyme, whoe then occupied and enjoyed those landes, and nowe are in the possession of the R<sup>t</sup> Wor<sup>ll</sup> the lady Foliambe, ORDERED that the executors of the sayde Sir Francis shall pay the arreares of the sayde layes and assessementes, which were legally assessed upon him dureinge his life, and since his death the sayde Laydie Foliambe (who injoyeth the same), shall continue the payment of the sayde layes and assessementes, etc.

**Maintenance of relatives.** [149*d*] May itt please you,

Whereas there now are, and formerly have beene, diverse differences dependinge betweene William Mallison of Wathe and Elizabeth Baxter, his wife, of Bolton, aboute the provide-

<sup>1</sup> John Mauliverer appears amongst the justices in place of John Farrer.

ing for and mainetaineinge of the sayde Elizabeth, and Andrewe Baxter, her sonne, beinge now for the present in greate povertie and necessities, and the sayde Elizabeth beinge a simple woman, and in a manner distracted, and the sayde William Mallison haveinge gotten into his possession goodes of the sayde Elizabeth amountinge to xlii. and upwardes, as she alledgeth, and landes worth yearely the value of sixe poundes and upwardes, forasmuch as itt appeareth to this Court under the handes of the sayde William Mallison [and] other credible witnesses, that upon 18 Aug., 1640, William Mallison, of his owne free will and consent, offered to pay to the sayde Elizabeth Baxter *als.* Mallison, or to the overseeres of the poore of Wath, or to any of her freindes, to her use, the summe of ijs. vjd. weekly till the next Sessions, and then to give such security as this Court should thinke fitt, or that the sayde Elizabeth should have the rent of the landes, and that she shoulde have quarterly a quarter's rent beforehand payde into the handes of any of her freindes, for the use of her and her childe, THIS COURT, takeinge consideracon of the premises, doe thinke fitt to confirme and allowe of the same, and doe order that he enter recognizaunce with suerties for the performance thereof, but for the further confirmacon thereof doe humbly certifie the same unto your Honours, desireinge the same may be confirmed by the decree of that ho<sup>ble</sup> Court, in regarde itt concerneth him in his possessions.

**Expedition to Scotland.** [fol. 150] Whereas itt was formerly ordered the last generall quarter sessions holden at Rotherham, 13 July last, that, in regarde the inhabitants of Bawtry are much overchardged with cariages for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service thes expedicons northwardes, the inhabitants of Strafforth and Tickehill shoulde therefore contribute with them of Bawtrey, forasmuch as William Harwoode, now constable of Bawtrey, hath made oath in Court that he and Thomas Milner hath disbursed in that service the summe of sixe poundes tenne shillinges eight pence, ORDERED that the sayde summe shalbe estreated upon the sayde wapentacke, and collected by the high constables, etc.

**Expedition to Scotland.** Whereas itt was formerlye ordered att the last generall quarter sessions holden at Rotherham, 14 July last, that the wapontacke of Strafforth and Tickhill shoulde contribute five partes with the inhabitants of Doncaster in the sayde wapontacke in the conveyinge his Ma<sup>ties</sup> cariages this expedicon, and forasmuch as the chardge of those cariages have lyen whoely upon the inhabitants there, althoughe they



were carried thence unto Shereborne, and soe passed through the wapontacke of Osgoldecrosse, and was therefore noe chardge or troble to the inhabitantes of Osgoldecrosse and Stainecrosse, and itt appeareth upon oath that the inhabitantes of Doncaster have disbursed in that service the summe of xxxiiij*li.* vs. viij*d.*, the sixte parte whereof is five poundes or thereabouts, ORDERED that the remainder of that summe, beinge xxviij*li.* vs. viij*d.*, shalbe estreated as followeth, viz., upon the wapontackes of Strafforth and Tickhill, and Stainecrosse and Osgoldcrosse, the sume of tenne poundes, and the residue of that some, beinge xvij*li.* vs. viij*d.*, shalbe estreated upon the wapontacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, and payde over unto Richarde Willerton of Doncaster to the use of the sayde inhabitantes.

**Assessment in Tickhill.** [150*d*] Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of Tickhill have peticoned and informed this Court that Sir Ralfe Hansbye, knt.,<sup>1</sup> since the 25 May, 1638, hath, and doth, refuse to pay such layes as are lawfully imposed upon him for and towardes his Maties service for the landes in his owne occupacon in Tickhill, amountinge in the whole to eightye poundes per annum, besides the mills, which is valued att a *cli.* per annum, to the greate losse and hinderance of the sayde inhabitantes, ORDERED that the sayde Sir Rafe shall forthwith paye such layes and assessements, as are soe rateably and proporconablye assessed upon him as upon others, and are now arreare, accordinge to the quantitie and qualitie of the lande he occupieth and enjoyeth, and the mills to be assessed proporconable accordinge to their cleare yearely value *ultr. repriss.*

**Bastardy.** [fol. 151] In a case of basterdie betweene William Smyth of Ackworth and Elizabeth Garner of the same, spinster, ORDERED that the saide William Smyth shall allowe unto the mainetaineinge and provideinge for of the sayde bastarde childe the summe of viij*d.* weekly, untill itt attaine the age of seaven yeares, and then to be putt apprentice, as the lawe in that case hath appointed, and the said basetarde childe to be settled and provided for at Acworth, and in regarde the sayde Elizabeth Garner hath had two severall bastardes,

<sup>1</sup> See note, p. 132. He married, as his third wife, according to Hunter (*South Yorkshire*), Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Bulkley, of Beaumaris, knt., and widow of George Shillitoe, of Heath, Esq. He was knighted by James I in 1619, and was bailiff of Tickhill, which formed part of the jointure of Queen Henrietta. He was active in the Royalist cause, and was the first to execute the Commission of Array in his part of the county. He put Tickhill Castle into a state of defence, but died in the midst of the war, and was buried at Tickhill 2nd Dec., 1643. The "mills" referred to in this Order are mentioned in Domesday Book.

and is a woman of very lewde liefte and conversacon, itt is further ordered that the sayde Elizabeth shalbe committed to the house of correcon att Wakefeilde for the space of a yeare, and untill she enter recognizance for her good abeareinge towards his Ma<sup>tie</sup> and all his leidge people, and upon her deliverie out of that house the sayde Elizabeth shall accept of the sayde viij*d*. weekelye, and provide for the sayde bastarde childe att her owne chardge.

**Oxspring bridge.** Whereas this Court is informed, for and upon the behalfe of th inhabitants of Penniston, Langsett, Hunshelpe, and Oxspringe, that a bridge within the par. of Penniston, scituate over the river of Dunne att Oxspringe milne, is now for the present in greate ruyne and decay for want of repaireinge, the sayde bridge beinge the high roadway betweene the co. of Lancastershire [*sic*] and Cheshire, and ought to be repayred att the chardge of the whole par. of Penniston, ORDERED that the sayde bridge shalbe forthwith repaired and mainetained at the chardge of the sayde par. of Penniston, as formerly hath beene accustomed, or upon their defaulte or neglecte herein a payne of xli*li*. to be imposed upon them.

**Conveyance of prisoner.** [151*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is informed that one William Milner of Kimberworth, beinge committed to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> prison at the castle of Yorke for want of suerties for the good behaviour, there was expended in conveyinge him thither the summe of xxjs., or thereabouts, which he refuseth to repay, but indeavoreth to leave the same upon the chardge of the inhabitants of Kimberworth, althoughe he be of sufficient abilities, ORDERED that the now constable there shall make demaunde of the sayde moneyes of the sayde William Milner, and if he refuse to pay the same then the sayde constable shall by vertue hereof distraine of the goodes of the said William Milner for the sayde xxjs., and apprise the same, and make saile thereof, restoreinge the overplus to the sayde Milner, as the lawe in that case hath appointed.

**Expedition to Scotland.** Whereas the inhabitants of Harthill have peticoned and informed this Court that they, beinge a three penny towne, are unequally overchardged in the carryinge of cariages for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service in these expedicons northwardes by the high constables of the wapentacke of Straforth and Tickhill, who ease the neighbouring townes and much overchardge them, ORDERED that the sayde high constables shall not heareafter chardge the sayde inhabitants over and above their due and just proporcon, as they will answeare the contrary att their perill.



**Carriages.** [fol. 152.] Forasmuch as the inhabitantes of Breareley, Hymesworth, Southeinley, Havercrofte, Winterseth, and other neighbouringe townes in the wepontacke of Stainecrosse, have peticoned and informed that they have beene att greate chardge in conveyinge Collonells [*sic*] carriages from Pontefract to Yorke, and from Yorke to Pontefract and Wooley backe againe, this Court, takinge into consideracon the greate chardge expended by the aforesayde townes, and in regarde that the west devision of the sayde wapontacke have beene att noe trouble nor chardge att all about the sayde carriages, doth now order that the west devision of the sayde wapon-tacke shalbe proporconably assessed with the aforesayde townes, etc.

**Kimberworth assessments.** Upon the peticon of the poorer and unabler sort of the inhabitantes of Kimberworth, who informeth that, their constable layes beinge assessed and layed by noble rente, the tenants, poorest and unablest inhabitantes, are much oppressed, and the ablest freehoulders and farmers eased, soe that they pay the leaste assessments, ORDERED that a laye shalbe made there for his Maties service accordinge to the quan(tit)y and qualitie of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth, unlesse the rest of the inhabitantes there shall showe good cause to the contrary the next generall sessions.

**Committal order.** [152*d*] To the Sherriffe, etc., and to the keeper of the howse of correcon at Wakefeild, greeting,

For that Thomas Stewardson and Joane his wife stand indited at this present Sessions for felonie, and the said Joane now lyeth in childbedd, and cannot be brought from the house of correcon where she is prisoner, ITT IS ORDERED that the said Thomas Stewardson shalbe remaunded unto the said howse of correcon, there to remaine untill the said moneth be expired, and att the end therof both the said partyes to be sent to the castle of Yorke by the Mr. of that howse, untill the next assizes, there to receive their legall tryalls for the said felonies, and at the next Sessions consideracon to be taken of the chardge expended by the said Mr. of the howse of Correcon in conveying them thither.

**Bawtry bridge.** Forasmuch as the summe of tenn poundes was formerly allowed out of this W.R. for the repaire of Bawtrye bridge, and itt appeareth that halfe of the said bridge ought to be repaired att the chardge of thinhabitantes of Nottinghamshire, ORDERED that the said monyes shall not be paid over unto the overseeres of that worke, untill thinhabitantes of the county of Nottingham doe equally contribute in the said chardge.

**Cudworth assessment.** [fol. 153] Upon heareing the differences depending amongst thinhabitantes of Cudworth about their layes and assessmentes, forasmuch as itt was formerly ordered that the saide inhabitantes shold paye their layes and assessmentes according to the quantitie and qualitie of the landes everye one occupied and enjoyed, and the commons were exempted and not chardged by that order, ORDERED by this Cort that the said former order be confirmed, and that all those that makes profitt of the commons, or keepe any goods there, shalbe rated and assessed according to the goodes they have depastureing and commoning upon the wastes and commons there, over and above the qualitie and quantitye of their landes.

**Apprentice.** Forasmuch as George Ibbottson of Morewood, in the par. of Bradfeild, standes bound by recognisance to appeare at this present Sessions for refuseing to take a poore apprentice, being putt to him by the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there according to the statute, the said Ibbotson alleadging that he is not of sufficient abilitie to provide for the said apprentice, there being divers inhabitantes there of better abilitie then himselfe, who are eased by the said churchwardens and overseeres, and have not apprentices, THIS CORT doth therfore entreat Sir Francis Wortley, knt. and bart., at his leysure to call the said partyes before him and examine the truth of the premisses, and if the said Ibbottsons allegacons be true then the said churchwardens and overseeres to pay such cost and chardges unto him as the said Sir Francis shall thincke fitt, for their abuse herein.<sup>1</sup>

#### PONTEFRACT.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 157] General Sessions held at, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1641, before the Most Noble William, Lord Critchton, William Ingram, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Stanhope, esq., Thomas Jopson, esq., Robert Rockley, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., John Mauliverer, esq., Nicholas Yarbrough, esq., Justices.

**JURORS**—Richard Abbott, gent., Charles Jackson, gent., Nich. Yeoman, gent., Brian Marshall, gent., Robert Thompson, gent., Henry Turpin, Thomas Sharpp, Thomas Walker, Robert Colecole, William Nelson, Samuel Usher, James Milner, Richard Wainewright, Thomas Box, and Reginald Stead.

<sup>1</sup> The other orders made at these Sessions relate to Bastardy (152*d*); Maintenance of base child (148*d* (2), 150*d*); Maintenance of poor (148*d*, 150*d*, 151, 152); and Settlement (151*d*).



WHO PRESENT—Robert Laycocke of Glusborne, laborer, for stealing at Heckmondwyke on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb., 1640(-1), a flitch of bacon value 10s., and 3 pewther dishes value 10s., the property of Elizabeth Lee. Witn., Eliz. Lee. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

Richard Worrall and John Panner *als.* Smith; both of Wakefeild, laborers, for stealing there on 13 Nov., 1640, 13 yards of broadcloth, value 6s. a yard, the property of Richard Holland. Witn., Ri. Holland. (Worrall puts himself, guilty to 11*d.*, no chattels, is whipped; Panner at large.)

[157*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Cowgill of Carleton, laborer, and Elizabeth Cowgill, his wife, for stealing there on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1640, two aprons (*ventral'*), value 7s., the property of John Gawthropp. Witn., Jo. Gawthrop, Jane his wife. (At large. William puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws. Elizabeth puts herself.)

Thomas Pashley of Oxspring, laborer, for stealing there on 10 March, 1640(-1), a sheaf of oats, value 4*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Willie. Witn., Jo. Earneshawe, Wm. Willie. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Margarett Brunton, wife of John Brunton of Leeds, laborer, for stealing on 27 March, 1641, at Himsworth, 5 hens, value 4s., the property of Thomas Wood. Witn., Tho. Wood. (Puts herself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels.)

Margarett Brunton of Wakefeild, widow, for stealing on 20 March, 1640(-1), at Tanshelfe, "one lynnene sheete, fower coifes, six cros cloathes, one handkerchife, one band, one neck-cloath, and fower more coifes," value 4s. altogether, the property of Thomas Hitching, Alderman of Pontefract. Witn., Mary Beamont. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 158] W<sup>m</sup> Cloughe of Austrope, husbandman, for, on the 26 Dec., 1640, unlawfully entering a close of meadow there commonly called the Pighell, containing by estimation 2 acres, in the peaceful possession of Alice Hobson, widow, and forcibly expelling and ejecting her and keeping her so ejected until this day. Witn., Richard Morley. (At large.)

Richard Firthe and Robert Broadhead, both of Holmfirth, husbandmen, for on 26 April, 1641, breaking and entering there the dwelling house of Jeremy Broadhead, and assaulting and maltreating Anne Kay, wife of Robert Kay, and Grace Nailor. Witn., Anne Kay, Grace Nailor, Eliz. Lee. (At large. At Wakefeild, 7 Oct., 1641, each confesses the indictment, and the fine is taxed at 2s. each, estreated.)

James Rayner of Kilnsey, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating John Taylor at Threshfeild, on 1 Jan., 1640(-1).

Witn., Daniell Tetlow, Fr. Niccolson, Jo. Tailor. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty, at Skipton, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1641.)

[158*d*] Richard Beckitt *als.* Beckwith and Robert Beckett *als.* Beckwith, both of Stanley, husbandmen, for assaulting there and maltreating on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1640(-1), Richard Rodley. Witn., Richard Rodley. (At large. Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, confess the indictment, the fine is taxed at 2s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Richard Akerode of Rishworth, clothier, and Michael Harrison of Soyland, laborer, for assaulting at Rishworth on 10 April, 1641, and maltreating John Ransley, and detaining him in prison against the law and custom of this realm of England, also with taking and carrying away 2s. 6*d.* in money and a knife, value 8*d.*, his property. Witn., Jo. Ransley, Sara Godley. (At large. Akerode puts himself, guilty, at Wakefeild, and his fine is taxed at 4*d.* Harrison puts himself, not guilty.)

Francis Thompson of Barnesley, shoemaker, for insulting there Richard Hanby, and giving to him divers opprobrious words, viz. "Richard Hanby is a rogue, a base fellowe, and that he would whipp him out of the towne." Witn., Richard Hanby. (At large. Doncaster, 13 Oct., 1641, confesses the indictment, the fine is taxed at 10s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[fol. 159] Peter Ellis of Kirksmeaton, milner, for unlawfully taking and carrying away there on 26 Jan., 1640(-1), a "stroake of malt," value 20*d.*, the property of Michael Woodhouse. Witn., Ellen Woodhouse, Kath. Moore. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Daniel Riche of Stainbrough, yeoman, for on 28 Feb., 1640(-1), at Darton, breaking and entering a messuage and 10 acres of pasture commonly called Comberroide, in the peaceful possession of Robert Leake, and expelling him from such possession, and keeping him so expelled to this day. Witn., Rob. Leake. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty, at Rotherham, 20 July, 1641.)

John Robinson of Brotherton, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20 Feb., 1640(-1), John Butterfeild. Witn., Jo. Butterfeild, Anne Scawbert. (Puts himself.)

[159*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Chapman of Chappell Hadlesey, laborer, for taking away and selling on 10 Aug., 1640, at Templehirst a gray horse, value £4, belonging to the inhabitants of the town of Templehirst. Witn., Ralph Russell. (Puts himself, not guilty.)



Thomas Hudd of Nottingham, yeoman, Thomas Hopkinson of Wentbrigg, carpenter, and Richard Armeroid of Little Smeaton, laborer, for with many other unknown persons on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1640(-1), unlawfully and riotously assembling at Stubbs Waldon, and there breaking and entering a close of the Most Noble Robert, Earl Kingston,<sup>1</sup> William Armine,<sup>2</sup> k<sup>2</sup> and bart., John Percy, esq., and John Starker, gent., and felling and taking away two ashes, value 13s., their property. Witn., Jo. Medleton, Jo. Steele. (At large. Removed by writ of *certiorari*, Michaelmas Term, 1641.)

John Grave of Soothill, clothier, for that being a searcher for woollen cloth within the township of Soothill, he there on the 27 April, 1641, affixed a false search to a woollen cloth called a dozen, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Rob. Ramfoote, Geo. Netherwood. (The aforesaid John Grave forfeited the woollen cloth, and it is divided according to the Statute, and he is discharged from his office.)

[fol. 160] Henry Nelson of Crofton, corvisor, for assaulting and maltreating there on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1641, Thomas Potter. Witn., Tho. Potter. (At Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, confesses the indictment, fine 2s., estreated.)

Thomas Murgatroid of Riddlesden hall in the parish of Bingley, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Bailie of the same, laborer, Henry Boothman of the same, laborer, and Jane Clay of Warley, spinster, for unlawfully and riotously, at Riddlesden on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan., 1640(-1), assaulting and maltreating John Whitwham. Witn., Jo. Whitwham, Jo. Greenewod. (Murgatroid puts himself; the others at large.)

John Durham of Drax, laborer, Anne his wife, and John Boyne of Templehirst, laborer, for on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1641, breaking and entering the house of Roland Smyth at Templehirst, and taking therefrom divers household stuff, value 40s., his property. Witn., Roland Smyth. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> Robert Pierrepont, 1st Earl of Kingston. In 1627 he was created Baron Pierrepont of Hurst Pierrepont and Viscount Newark, and in 1628 promoted to dignity of Earl of Kingston-upon-Hull. He married (1) Gertrude, daughter and coheiress of Henry Talbot, fourth son of George, Earl of Shrewsbury; (2) Mary Talbot, widow of Thomas Holcroft. At the outbreak of the war he "divided his sons between both parties, and concealed himself." After endeavouring to remain neutral, he joined the King, and was appointed a Lieutenant-General. Taken prisoner by the Parliamentarians in July, 1643. He was accidentally killed 25 July, 1643, by some Royalists who fired upon a pinnace in which he was being conveyed prisoner to Hull.

<sup>2</sup> Of Osgodby, Lincolnshire; a distinguished Parliamentarian. He belonged to a Yorkshire family, and was created a baronet in 1619, on the payment of £1,095. Died 1650. (See *Dict. National Biography*.)

## PONTEFRACT.

[fol. 161] By another Inquisition taken at, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1641, before the aforesaid Justices.

JURORS—Joseph Barker, gent., Thomas Bradworth, Gilbert Robert, W<sup>m</sup> Hall, W<sup>m</sup> Watson, Thomas Triffett, Martin Crosby, W<sup>m</sup> Tailer, Daniel Thorp, Francis Clarke, Robt. Holdsworth, John Morritt, and Henry Browne.

WHO PRESENT—John Beck of Selbie, laborer, for stealing there on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1640, three quarters of malt, value 3s., the property of Robert Marshall. (Puts himself, guilty, no chattels, a clerk, is burnt.) Also Robert Parkinson, husbandman, Anne Newton, wife of Robert Newton, husbandman, and Mary, wife of John Dawson, milner, all of Selby, for on the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1640, knowingly receiving and harbouring the said John Becke. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Crowe, Rob. Becke. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Susannah Kitson, wife of Nicholas Kitson of Harteshead, laborer, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1638(-9), at Clifton, a blanket (*thoreal*), value 4s., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Nailor. Witn., Judith Nailor, [blank] Nailor. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[161d] W<sup>m</sup> Martindale of Hatefeild, laborer, for stealing on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1640(-1), at Midleinge in the parish of Hatefeild, a sack and two bushells of wheat meal, value 5s., the property of Mathew Faulconbrough, esq. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.) Also Richard Dawson of the Levell, laborer, for knowingly receiving and harbouring him on the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. Witn., Peter Carrington.

Robert Shippard of Hatefeild Woodhouse, laborer, and Alice his wife, for stealing on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1640(-1), at Nortofte in the parish of Hatefeild, six sacks or bags, value 6s., the property of Peter Varnatt. Witn., Tho. Spurgeon. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

John Becke of Selby, laborer, for stealing there on 10 Dec., 1640, a musket, value 10s., the property of [blank] Croft, gent. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Crowe. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[fol. 162] Margaret Cutt of Boulton-upon-Dearne, spinster, for stealing there on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1640(-1), five pecks of malt, value 2s., the property of Godfrey Bingley. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.) Also Johanna Balderston of Boulton, spinster, for knowingly receiving and harbouring her there on 25 March, 1641. Witn., Godfrey Binley.

John Gleadhill of Barkisland, mason, for stealing at Stainland on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1640(-1), an iron range, value 5s., the pro-



perty of John Gibson. Witn., Jos. Hoile, Geo. Riley. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Ralph Lethom of Staveley, gent., for on the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, at Staveley, breaking and entering a close of the King, commonly called Gawberhill, turning up the soil there with ploughs, and also depasturing and consuming the grass with animals. Witn., Richard Dicconson. (At large. Puts himself.)

[162*d*] Stephen Sephton, sen<sup>r</sup>, of Brotherton, husbandman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1641, having retained Francis Cowper, Robert Fearnley, and Thomas Elliott as subtenants or inmates in certain houses of him Edward [*sic*] at Ferrifriston for one month without assigning thereto 4 acres of land according to the Statute. Witn., Jo. Moreby, W<sup>m</sup> Saunderson. (At large.)

John Lee and Peter Hawkesworth of Cawthorne, husbandmen, for on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1641, forcibly entering there three closes, commonly called Birkbank, Nicholl bank, and Rowley Ynng, in the peaceful possession of John Crosland, expelling and ejecting him from such possession, and keeping him so expelled to this day. Witn., Jo. Crosland. (At large. At Rotheram, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1641, Hawkesworth confesses the indictment, fine 5s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

John Butterfeild of Brotherton, laborer, and Ellen his wife, for assaulting and maltreating there on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1640(-1), John Robinson. Witn., Jo. Robinson. (Put themselves.)

[fol. 163] Thomas Draper of Heptonstall, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating at Hallifax on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1641, Joseph Oates. Witn., Jos. Oates, Hen. Crowder, Nath. Drake. (Puts himself. At Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, confesses the indictment, fine 2s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Giles Beamont, yeoman, George Beamont, tanner, Mary wife of Giles Beamont, and Elizabeth Beamont, spinster, James Beamont, laborer, and John Beamont, laborer, all of Netherthong, for on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1641, unlawfully entering there a close of arable land commonly called Lidgeat feild, containing by estimation half an acre, in the peaceful possession of Samuel Newton, forcibly expelling him from such possession, and keeping him so expelled to this day. Witn., Jo. Linley, Sam Newton. (All at large. Mary discharged. The aforesaid Mary Beamont confesses the indictment, fine taxed at 12*d.*, paid Sheriff, at Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641.)

John Tennant of Rothwell, clothier, and Katherine his wife, for assaulting and maltreating there on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1641, John Kirkman. Witn., Jo. Kirkman. (At large.)

[163*d*] A penalty of £40 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Ackworth that they sufficiently repair the king's highway within the town of Ackworth before the next Sessions to be held after the feast of St<sup>t</sup> Thomas the Martyr next, by the view of Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, one of the Justices. (Exonerated on certificate of Edward Roades, knight.)

A like penalty of £40 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Hickleton that they sufficiently repair the king's highway within the township of Hickleton before the next Sessions, etc., by the view of the said Edward Roades, knt.

A like penalty of £40 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Birstall that they sufficiently repair the king's highway leading between Hothersfeild and Dighton as far as the market town of Leeds, in a place there called the Milnbrigg and the Whitlee, which is now in great decay, etc., before the feast of St. Thomas the Martyr next, by the view of Tho. Jopson, esq., and John Mauliverer, esq., Justices. Witn., Richard Audsley. (At Wakefeild, 22 July, 1641, the penalty is exonerated.)

A penalty of £20 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parishes of Ackworth and Purston Jacklin that they sufficiently repair the king's highway, in a lane leading between the market town of Pontefract and the town of Ackworth, before the next Sessions, etc., by the view of Tho. Jopson, esq.

[fol. 164] A like penalty of £20 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Royston that they sufficiently repair the king's highway between the towns of Cudworth and Royston, in a place there called Boulder Bridge, before the next Sessions, etc., by the view of Tho. Jopson, esq. (Exonerated at Barnesley (Sessions) following by the oath of John Broadhead.)

A penalty of £10 is laid upon the inhabitants of the towns of Tolston and Oglethorpp, within the parish of Newton, that they sufficiently repair the king's highway between the town of Tadcaster and the market town of Wetherby, and lying between Newton and Oglethorpp Mill, which is now in great decay, etc., before the feast of St. Thomas the Martyr next, by the view of Edward Stanhope, esq.

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#### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 154] **High constable.** For that Jonas Squire, high constable for the wapentacke of Ewcrosse, haveing served that office by the space of five yeares last past, desireth to be dischargd according to the usuall custome observed, ORDERED that Edward Ward of Sedberghe, Richard Atkinson



of Garsdall, and John Guy of the same shall attend upon his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace to be assembled at Skipton upon Friday, the xiiij<sup>th</sup> of May, or some other place, which the said justices shall appointe, that there some one of them, which his Mat<sup>es</sup> said justices shall thincke fitt, may take the oath for the execucon of that office.

**Parish officers' accounts.** Whereas this Cort is informed that there are divers officeres within the towne of Altoftes, as churchwardens, overseeres for the poore, overseeres for the highwayes, and constables, that have severall summes of monies in their hands undisposed of, ORDERED that the said officeres, or any that have bene imployed within these three yeares last past, shall by vertue hereof make their accomptes unto Henry Favell, gent., William Denison, gent., Richard Cockhill, and William Righton, or any two of them, att or before Whitsontide next at their perills.

**Drunkenness.** [154<sup>d</sup>] Upon complainte made unto this Cort by Mary Jackson, wife of Thomas Jackson of Bradford, butcher, that her husband abuseth her by blowes and other violence offred unto her, being usually distempered with drinke, and that he much frequenteth the howse of one Richard Lillye in Bradford, who keepeth a very disordered alehouse, THIS CORT doth therfore entreat John Farrer, esq., Thomas Thornhill, esq., and Abraham Sunderland, esq., three of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace, or any of them, at their best leysure, to convent the said partyes before them and examine the truth of the premisses and doe therin as they shall thincke fitt, both for the punishing the said Thomas Jackson for his distempers and outrages, as alsoe for discharggeing the said Richard Lillye from brewing, if they shall find cause.

**High constable.** For that Michaell Foxcrofte of Sowrebye hath appeared unto this Cort, and showed cause why he shold not take the oath for the execucon of the office of high constable within the wapentacke of Agbrig and Morley according to a former order of this Cort, viz., that he is aged threescore and six yeares or therabouts, very infirme of bodye, haveing both his legges broken, ORDERED that the said Michaell Foxcrofte be discharged of that office, and that Peter Sunderland, gent., shall execute the same untill further order be taken by this Cort.

**Governor of the House of Correction.** [fol. 155] Upon consideracon taken by this Cort of the good service done by Thomas Somerster, gent., governour of the howse of Correcon at Wakefeild, who is now aged fowrescore yeares and upwards,

and therefore not able to travile and attend upon this Cort and the rest of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, but now ymployeth John Somerster, his sonne, in the execucon and dischardge of the said office, who hath hitherto performed the same carefully, THIS CORT doth therfore thincke fitt to nominate and appointe the said John Somerster in place of the said Thomas Somerster, his father, in the said office of governour of the saide howse of correcon, and doth authorishe him the said John Somerester to execute that office according to the lawe in that case provided.

**Dykesmarshe assessment.** [155*d*] Upon heareing the differences depending betweene thinhabitantes of Hatefeild and Hatefeild Woodhowse and thinhabitantes of Stainforth, about the payment of a third parte of such assessmentes as are rated and assessed upon the Levell of Dykesmarshe by them of Hatefeild unto thinhabitantes of Stainforth, for releife of the poore within that towneshipp, ORDERED that, in regard the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore in Hatefeild, haveing had notice of two orderes made and conceived by this Cort for the payment of that monyes, which they have contemptuously disobeyed, they shall pay and satisfie for releife of the poore within the said parish, everye one of them, the summe of twentye shillings for their contempt in not performeing the said former orderes according to the Statute, and a warrant for the good behaviour is likewise to be awarded against the said churchwardens and overseeres to answeare their contempt in the premisses the next sessions to be holden for the saide W.R.

**Kimberworth assessments.** Forasmuch as itt was formerly ordered att the last generall quarter sessions at Barnesley, 20 Jan. last past, that whereas the poorer and unabler sort of the lordshipp of Kimberworth were assessed and overlayd by noble rent in all layes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, and the ablest freeholderes and farmeres there were eased, and thereupon itt was ordered that a laye shold be made according to the quantitye and qualitye of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth, unlesse the rest of the inhabitantes of the said lordshipp of Kimberworth shold att this present sessions shewe good cause to the contrarye, ORDERED (in regard no cause is showed to the contrarye) according to the contentes of the former order that the same be confirmed and allowed of hereafter.

**High constables.** For ending and determineing the differences depending betweene the high constables of the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, ORDERED that Thomas Garland, one of the high constables of that wapentacke, shall pay his



proporcon of all such assessmentes as hath beene delivered him since he came into his place, according as Nicholas Kirke and William Walker, late high constables there, did pay before him, or els devide the townes of the said wapentacke equally betweene him and his partner.

**Soyland assessment.** [fol. 156] Forasmuch as itt was formerly ordered at the generall quarter sessions at Halifax, 1 Oct., 15 Chas., that all assessmentes to be made hereafter within the township of Sowreby shold be made equally, according to everye particuler man's estate, not haveing respect to any particuler pretended custome, and for that purpose Isaac Farrer, Robert Preistley, John Greenwood of the Hall, and John Fournes, or any three of them, shold meete at Sowreby, and to rate and assesse assessmentes already disbursed, and soe continue the same for the future time, to be assessed by foure or eight indifferent menn to be chosen ever by the constable there, and forasmuch as att the last generall quarter sessions at Wakefeild, 14 Jan. last past, the inhabitantes of the hamlett of Soyland, parte of the saide constablarye of Sowreby, opposed the said former order in the presence of the said inhabitantes of Sowrebye, wherupon his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices then assembled referred both parties to the said former order unto this generall sessions, there to be heard and determind, as appeareth by the oath of John West, gent., John Godley, and Thomas Roide, and forasmuch as the said inhabitantes of Soyland have attended here this day, and oath being made in open Cort that the said inhabitantes of Sowreby had notice of this present Sessions, and that the same was intended to be questioned by them of Soyland, and the auncient custome which they of Soyland doe pretend being proved by the severall oathes of John Godley, Thomas Roide, and Samuell Stainclyffe, that they ought but to pay a fowerth parte of all assessmentes with them of Sowreby, which they use to assesse amongstes themselves. THIS CORT doth therfore *vacat* the said former order, made and conceived at the said generall quarter sessions, and doth further thincke fitt and order that the said custome be observed, untill they can shoue good cause to the contrarye.

**Treasurer for lame soldiers.** Forasmuch as Thomas Bosseville, esq., threasurer for lame soldieres, haveing made his accompt of the monyes by him received of the countrie for the performance of that service, and his disbursementes being duely examined, itt appeareth that he is out of purse, over and above the monyes by him received, the summe of three poundes seaven shillings, which is arreare and unpaid unto him,

ORDERED that Edward Stanhope, esq., being his fellow treasurer, shall pay over unto the said M<sup>r</sup> Bosseville the said summe, if he have soe much remaineing in his hands.

**Layes in arrear.** [156*d*] Upon heareing the differences depending betweene John Grave, late constable of Swillington, and Thomas Pease, now constable there, and John Pease of that constablarye, about the payment of his the said John Pease layes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, who hath contemptuously refused to pay his said layes by the space of a yeare and a halfe, now last past, amounting in the whole unto eightene shillings eight pence, ORDERED that the said John Pease shall forthwith pay the saide summe unto the severall constables, and because itt is alleadged that the saide John Grave hath parte of the parish monyes in his hands which he hath not accompted for, and itt appeareth that the said John Pease hath maliciously commenced a suite against him before his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Rt. Ho<sup>ble</sup> Councill established in the North for the execucon of his office, ORDERED that the said John Grave shall deteyne and keepe the said monyes untill the saide suite be comed to yssue and tryed, soe that he give an accompt of the same unto the inhabitantes there, and in the meane time the said John Pease to find suerties for his good abeareing and appearance att the next Sessions for his contemptuous and malicious course of life.

**Maintenance.** Upon readeing the peticon of Marmaduke Coates of Fishlake, who informeth that one Jane Parishe, late of the same, deceased, dyeing before Michaelmas last, left a child behind her who hath a reasonable porcon which the said Coates desireth to dispose of for the maintaineing the said child, ORDERED that if the said Coates can within a fortnight next comeing give sufficient securitie unto the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there to provyde for the said child, and save the towne of Fishlake harmeles and indempnified, as alsoe to accompt for the said porcon or goodes, then he to keepe the same, or els the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there to dispose therof.

**Hampsthwaite bridge.** [fol. 157] Whereas the bridge at Hampsthwaite over the river of Nidd is at this present in great ruyne and decay for want of repaire, soe that divers of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> subjectes, who have occacon to travile that way, are continually in danger of their lives and goodes, and that the same bridge being not a bridge to be repaired at the chardge of the whole W.R., itt is now informed that there is a valueable summe of monyes in the hands of William Ingleby, esq., who was formerly surveyor of the worke at Summerbridge, and



therefore itt was desired that that monyes might be allowed to the repaire of the said bridge at Hampesthwaite, ORDERED that what summe is in the hands of the said Mr Ingleby shalbe allowed for the repaire of the said bridge as is desired, but if that will not suffice, then, what summe more shalbe thought fitt, to be allowed for the repaire therof by Thomas Mauleverer, esq., George Marwood, esq., and Ingram Hopton, esq., three of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, or any two of them, the same to be collected out of the wapentacke of Claro upon certificate made to this Cort.

**Deputy constable.** Forasmuch as Denis Hayfford and William Saunderson, two of thinhabitantes of Ferrybriggs, have informed this Cort upon oath that the towne of Ferrybriggs, being a hamlett of the constablarye of Ferryfriston, itt hath bene usuall that they have had a deputie constable in Ferrybriggs when the constable is chosen in Ferryfriston, because of the highroade through the saide towne of Ferrybriggs and multitudes of people that doe usually resort thither, ORDERED that the said usuall and former custome shalbe observed hereafter, viz., when the constable is chosen and dwells in Ferryfriston then a deputie to be sworne in Ferrybriggs, and that the now constable shall make choice of and provyde one accordinglye.

**Arrears due to Overseer.** [157*d*] For that Samuell Feildinge of Carleton in the par. of Pontefract petitioned and informed this Cort that he, being overseer of the poore in the towne of Carleton for the yeare ended 1640, was ordered by Sir John Ramsden, knt., to laye downe and pay (after he was forth of his office) for the boarding of two poore children of one Mr Harcourtes, which were unprovdyed for by that towneshipp, the summe of xxxviijs., over and above xixs. which the said Feildinge disbursed for the use of the poore before that time in that same yeare, which summes are arreare and unpaid unto him, ORDERED that the now overseer shall pay unto the said Feilding the said arreares, as alsoe such chardges as he hath due unto him expended in prosecuteing the same, and the same to be allowed him upon his accountes.

**Langthwaite assessment.** Forasmuch as thinhabitantes of Hampall cum Stubbs have petitioned and informed this Cort that they are overburthened and overchardged in their layes and assessmentes for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, and they further averr that they, being rated and assessed after the rate of a two penny towne, there is a constablarye of Langthwaite cum Tiltes nere adjoyneing in the same wapentacke, which is not rated

or assessed at all, ORDERED that the high constables of the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, in which wapentacke both the said townes are, shall rate and asseesse all such assessmentes as that wapentacke shall stand chardged with hereafter proporconablye, viz., the said constablarye of Hampall cum Stubbs after the proporcon of a pennye towne, and the constablarye of Langthwaite cum Great Tiltes after the rate of a pennye towne, and a constable to be chosen and sworne yearly for the collecting of such monyes as the said inhabitantes of Langthwaite cum Tiltes shalbe chardged with, if there be not good cause showed to the contrarye the next Sessions, there being notice given therof.

**Crofton assessments.** [fol. 158] Upon open heareing of the differences depending amongst thinhabitantes of Crofton about the payment of their layes and assessmentes, forasmuch as some of thinhabitantes doe alleadge and stand upon an auncient custome to laye their assesementes according to their oxegange lands, which is made apparant to this Cort to be unreasonable and very heavy upon the poorer sort of the said inhabitantes, ORDERED that the said assessmentes shalbe rated and assessed hereafter according to the quantitie and qualite of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth, and that Richard Johnson, thelder, Thomas Moore, thelder, William Feild, and Mathew Duffan shall estimate everye man's lands within the towne and parishe of Crofton, and asseesse it accordinglye, but itt is intended that Oswald Sheppard and William Scoley, two of the said inhabitantes, shall not have any benefitt of this order untill they pay the arrerages of the assessmentes due by them.

**Yeadon assessments.** For that itt appeareth unto this Cort, upon the oath of Samuell Marshall and Mathew Casse, that itt was promised by the lordes of Esholt, who enjoy lands to a great value within the towneshipp of Yeadon, that they wold pay to the said inhabitantes for everye marke laye for the lands which lye within that towneshipp (according to an auncient customarye laye) two shillings, which for two yeares last past, and this yeare hitherto, they neglected to pay, amounting in the whole to the summe of seaven pounds ten shillings or theraboutes, ORDERED that the lords, owners and occupieres of that lands, shall without delay pay the said arreares, and continue the same hereafter untill they cann showe good cause to the contrarye, otherwise, upon complainte made to any his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, the severall persons soe refusing to be taken bound to answeare their contempt att the next generall quarter sessions.



**Ferry Friston assessments.** [158*d*] Whereas great complainte is made unto this Cort by diverse of the inhabitantes of Ferryfriston that they are sore overchardged in their constable layes, and that there are divers lands within the said constablarye which are not chardged with any layes or assessments att all, in soe much that the meanest and poorest sort of people, which are releived by the parish, are lyable to as great a p<sup>r</sup>oporcon as the ablest and richest persons within that constablarye, ORDERED that everye assessment, both for the Church and his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, shalbe paid according to quantite of acres everye man occupieth and enjoyeth, and that the assessment be made by Denis Hayforth, William Rawson, John Mooreby, William Longbothome, John Robinson, Thomas Falkingham, and Jervas Whittacres, or any fowre of them.

**Marle bridge.** Whereas this Cort is informed of the great ruyne and decay of Marlebridge, within the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, scituate over the river of Dearne, being the highroade way from the markett towne of Pontefracte and other northerne partes unto the markett towne of Rotheram, and soe upp to the cittye of London and other southerne partes. ORDERED that the summe of thirty pounds shalbe forthwith estreated upon this W.R., and collected by the severall high constables there, and paid over unto the hands of Edward Rodes, one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, who is desired to see the same bestowed upon the repaire of the said bridge.

**Beacons.** Forasmuch as the high constables of the wapentacke of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse have petitioned and informed this Cort that they were chardged by warrant from the R<sup>t</sup> H<sup>oble</sup> the vice-president and Councill in the North, about the moneth of August last past, to fire all the beacons within that wapentacke, and to continue the same fired and watched for a certaine space then to come, in which service there was disbursed the summe of five pounds fowreteene shillings tenn pence, which is yett arreare and unpaid unto them, ORDERED (in regard divers summes soe disbursed in other wapentackes for that service hath bene estreated upon the said wapentackes) that the said summe shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke of Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse, and collected by the said high constables of the severall townes within the said wapentacke for the uses aforesaid.

**Churchwardens' disbursements.** [fol. 159] Upon heareing the differences depending betweene Henry Wadsworth, late

churchwarden of Warley, and Simon Wade, now churchwarden there, who delayeing to take the said office upon him for the first moneth, dureing which time the said Henry Wadsworth was forced to disburse the summe of fiftie fowre shillings six pence for releife of the poore there, and eight shillings or therabouts in procureing orders to be paid out of the assessment of that towneshipp by the said Simon Wade, which he contemptuously refused to obey, ORDERED that the said Simon Wade shall forthwith pay the said severall summes unto the said Henry Wadsworth, which monyes shalbe allowed him out of the assessment of that towneship, but because the said Wade hath disobeyed the said former orders and beene contentious in sueing and vexing the said Henry Wadsworth and other officeres, itt is therfore further ordered that the said Simon Wade shall forthwith find suerties for his good behaviour and to appeare at the next Sessions.

**Lay.** Forasmuch as John Wadsworth, constable of Warley, informeth this Cort that he hath moved divers of the inhabitantes there to make him a laye for his Mat<sup>es</sup> service, which they have contemptuously neglected to the great hinderance of the said John Wadsworth in the execucon of his office, ORDERED that John Deane, gent., Richard Niccolson, William Wayde, Thomas Oldfeild, John Calbecke, and Samuell Carter, being sufficient inhabitantes of that constablarye, or any fowre of them, shall forthwith meete and rate and asseesse a laye for his Mat<sup>ies</sup> service, that the same be noe longer neglected, as they will answeare the contrary at their perills.

**Committal order.** [159*d*] For that Philip Harrison of Wakefeild, carpenter, stands convented before his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace here assembled, for the felonious stealeing of a peece of woollen cloath, and hath not as yett received his legall tryall for the said offence, ORDERED that the said Harrison shall stand committed unto his Mat<sup>es</sup> jaole (in) the castle of Yorke, untill he receive his legall tryall for the same.

**Committal order.** Similar order for John Pease of Great Purston, husbandman, convented for refusing to pay his layes and assessments and finding suerties for his personall appearance at the next Sessions, to remain in gaol until he shall willingly perform the same.

**Thurne assessments.** [fol. 160] Wheras the inhabitantes of the towne of Thurne have petitioned this Cort that the towne of Thurne is very populous, and therein great numbers of poore people, and that the lands belonging to the towneship are small, wherby the assessmentes are very heavy upon them, and



they in all taxacons are deeply chardged, and that there are diverse new ymproved lands within the said towneship, which beare noe parte therein, ORDERED, as formerly hath bene by severall orderes, that from henceforth the new improved grounds within the said towneshipp shall beare their equall and rateable parte in all layes and assessmentes concerning the Church, his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, the poore, or other necessarie chardges within the said towneshipp, as other landes doe.

**Constable's accounts.** For that William Scolefeild of Austrope stands bound over unto this Sessions for neglecting to make a just and true accompt of the monyes by him received and disbursed in the execucon of his office, and for that itt appeareth upon his accompt that there is arreare and due unto Nicholas Moore, gent., the summe of twenty-one shillinge fowre pence, which he accompteth for in his accompte as disbursed by him, althoughe the same was disbursed by the said Mr Moore himselfe, and there is in the hands of the said Scolefeild the summe of forty seaven shillings a pennye of the townes monyes, which he hath not disbursed, ORDERED that the said Scolefeild shall forthwith pay and satisfie unto the said Mr Moore the said summe of twenty one shilling fowre pence, and unto the now constable of Austrope the said summe of fortye seaven shillings a pennye, without further delay, for the use of the said inhabitantes of Austrope.

**House of Correction.** Upon informacon given unto this Cort by Thomas Somerster, gent., governor of the howse of Correcon at Wakefeild, that he hath disbursed the summe of fortye six shillinges in maintaineing and provydeing for one Thomas Stewardson and Joane his wife in that howse, the said Joane lyeing in childbedd there, and conveying them unto the castle of Yorke, ORDERED that the said summe of fortye six shillings shalbe estreated upon this W.R. and collected, etc., and paid over, etc.

**Bastardy.** [160*d*] For that Elizabeth Garner, late of Ackworth, spinster, hath had severall bastard children, and now of late hath had one by William Smith of Ackworth, and denieth to pay or contribute towards the releife and maintnance of the said base child, ORDERED that the said Garner shalbe sent to the howse of Correcon at Wakefeild, there to be punished by the space of a yeare for her incontineneye.

**Plague.** Wheras itt was formerly ordered at the last generall quarter sessions holden at Wakefeild, 14 Jan. last past, that the summe of a hundreth pounds shold be estreated upon the W.R. for the releife and maintnance of the poore infected people

at Dewsberry, who then were visited with the contagious disease of the plauge [*sic*] (the inhabitantes within five miles of the said towne haveing beene formerly assessed as the lawe in that case doth appointe, which some of them doe obstinately refuse to pay, in regard they alleadge they are out of distance five miles from the saide towne, and soe not chardgable by lawe), and the inhabitantes of the Corporacon of Leedes doe likewise refuse to contribute in that chardge of a hundreth poundes, because they alleadge they were lately chardged with the releife of their owne visited people, and noe way chardgable unto the said W.R., now because (itt hath pleased God) to free the inhabitantes of Dewsberry of that contagious sicknes, and parte of the said summe of monyes is already received by John Kay, esq., one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, who desireth the opinion of this Cort how the same shold be distributed and disposed of amongst the said inhabitantes, THIS CORT doth therfore entreat Sir William Savile, bart., John Kay, esq., and Thomas Thornhill, esq., or any two of them, to distribute that monyes amongst the poorest sort of people there, as they in their discrecons shall thincke fitt, and itt is further desired that John Kay, esq., and Abraham Sunderland, esq., two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> said justices, will examine whether the townes soe assessed be within five miles of Dewsberry, yea or noe, and to order the said townes, as upon examinacon shall appeare unto them, to pay accordinglye, and itt further ordered that, for the reason aforesaid, the Corporacon of Leedes shalbe exempt from this chardge, and that the summe they are chardged with shalbe estreated and collected upon this whole W.R., if there shalbe use for the same.

**Wages unpaid.** [fol. 161] Whereas Francis Whitley, Thomas Hall, Ann Browne, Lancelott Waterhowse, Margarett Abbott, Margerye Abbott, Samuell Abbott, David Abbott, Katherine Waterhowse, George Wells, John Rodes, William Tomlinson, Anthony Howden, Edward Bolton, Nicholas Satterthwaite, George Ellis, John Ellis, and Francis Clayton have petitioned this Cort, and showed that they were imployed as daytaylor laboreres for reapeing, sheareing, and ining the corne growing upon the landes of Sir Francis Folyambe, bart., deceased, at the time of his death, and after, and in other his worke, and sett on by Mr Somersall, his then steward, and Thomas Blakeman, gent., his executor, and that their wages for their said laboures are unpaid, albeitt the peticoners expected to have bene paid for their said labores att the end of everye weeke when the said Sir Francis died, and that diverse layes and assessmentes for releife of the poore, and constable layes, are likewise unpaid,



and since his death the said Mr Blakeman refuseth to pay the same, pretending he hath not sufficient assettes to pay all his debtes, forasmuch as itt appeareth to this Cort by the confession of the said Mr Blakeman, the executor, that the said corne soe inned by their laboures came to his hands, and that there was consideracon had by the appriseres of his goodes of the chardge of reapeing and ining the said corne, and for that he confessed likewise that the inventorie of the goodes of the said Sir Francis amounted to one thowsand and three hundreth poundes, which came to his hands, and for that he likewise confessed he putt fiftie pounds for funerall expences in his accompt, and that the peticoners demaundes was but twenty poundes or theraboutes, which being due to such poore people for wages and assessmentes as aforesaid, this Cort conceived the same ought to be paid, and that the payment therof cold not be adjudged a devastment of the testator's estate, and that the non-payment did much touch and trench upon the honour and creditt of the said deceased, ORDERED by the generall vote of this Cort that the said Mr Blakeman shall forthwith satisfie and pay the said layes and assessmentes, and alsoe the wages due, presumeing that itt will not upon any suite or question hereafter be accompted or adjudged a devastment in the executor of the testator's estate.

**Leedes bridge.** [161*d*] For that formerly a valueable summe of moneys was allowed out of this W.R. for the repaire of Leedes bridge, which summe hath beene allowed and bestowed upon that worke, and the same is not yett finished, ORDERED that the summe of xiiij*li*. vjs. viij*d*. shalbe forthwith allowed out of this W.R., and collected by the severall high constables there, and paid over unto the handes of Robert Benson, gent., now alderman of Leedes, to be ymployed for the finishing that worke.

**Hatfield assessments.** Forasmuch as itt was ordered att the generall open quarter sessions holden at Doncaster upon Tuesday, 13 Oct., 11 (Chas.), that the new improved lands, and the occupieres of Hatefeild parke and the coppyes thereunto belonging, within the said constablarye of Hatefeild, shold beare and pay their equall and proporconable partes and rates in layes and assessmentes, as well for releife of the poore as for and towards his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service and other necessarye chardges there, and for that itt is informed divers persons, being inhabitantes there, doe contemptuously refuse to performe the same, ORDERED that the constable of the said towne of Hatefeild shall arreast all such persons soe refuseing, and them

convent before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> said justices, there to answeare the premisses, or els that he to levye by way of distresse and sale of the offenderes goods for their non-payment of the said assessmentes, rendring to the parties the overplus of the goodes which shalbe levied and sold for the causes aforesaid.

**Maintenance.** [fol. 162] In a case of basterdy betweene Thomas Walker of Sykehowse, yoman, and Elizabeth Mannell of the same, spinster, ORDERED that the said Walker shall keepe and provyde for the said base child att his owne proper costes, the said Mannell, the mother, allowing unto the said Walker the summe of two pence weekly towards the provydeing for of the said base child untill itt attayne the age of seaven yeares, or els that she shalbe committed to the howse of Correccon at Wakefeild, and itt is further ordered that the said Walker shall dischardge and save harmeles the inhabitantes of Sykehowse, where the said child was borne, from any chardge that may accrewe thereby.

**Bridges.** Upon consideracon by this Cort of three presentmentes preferred before his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of assize against the inhabitantes of this W.R. for the not repaireing of three severall bridges, severall paines being imposed upon the said inhabitantes for their defalt in not repaireing the same, THIS CORT is of opinion that two of the said bridges, viz. Gargrave bridge and Skirden bridge, ought to be repaired by the inhabitantes of the wapentacke where they are scituate, and that the inhabitantes of the whole W.R. are not by lawe chardgable to repaire them, but because itt is informed that the said bridges are now in good repaire, itt is therefore desired that some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace nere adjoyning unto the said bridges will certifie the truth therof unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of assize, that the said paines may be dischardged, And itt is desired that some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace nere adjoyneing unto the bridge, commonly called Hewicke bridge, will veiwe the defectes thereof, and certifie what summe will repaire the same, that the same may be forthwith collected and ymployed accordinglye.

**Layes in arrear.** [162d] Upon heareing the differences depending betweene the inhabitantes of Staveley and Rafe Ledome, gent., about the payment of his layes and assessmentes, a decree being read in this Cort, made by his Ma<sup>tes</sup> right ho<sup>ble</sup> Councell established in the North, wherein itt is decreed that the said Ledome shall pay the arreares of his said assessmentes, and soe continue the payment therof hereafter, THIS CORT doth confirme and allowe of the saide decree, as much as in them lyeth, and doth order that the arreares of



the said assessmentes shalbe forthwith paid by the said Ledome, and the payment of all such layes and assessmentes, as shalbe assessed and imposed upon him in the said towneshipp, shalbe continued to be paid by him according to the contentes of the said decree.

**Beacons.** Wheras William Walker, gent., and Nicholas Kirke, gent., late high constables within the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, have given informacon unto this Court that they have disbursed and are out of purse the summe of viij*li.* iij*d.* ob. for the watchinge of Clifton beacon, and other chardges expended within the saide wapentacke, which is arreare and unpaid unto them, ORDERED that the saide summe shall be estreated by ye now highe constables there, and collected by them, and paide over unto ye said William Walker and Nicholas Kirke, who formerly disbursed the same.<sup>1</sup>

[fol. 163]

Thērs,

Henry Arthington, esq.

Roger Portington, esq.

Penconed soldiers.

all. Henry Duckett .	.	.	xls.
all. Robte. Briggs .	.	.	iiij <i>li.</i>
all. John Watson .	.	.	v <i>li.</i>
all. William Ramscarr .	.	.	iiij <i>li.</i>
all. Francis Hammerton .	.	.	iiij <i>li.</i>
all. John Horneby .	.	.	v <i>li.</i>
all. Ric. Washington .	.	.	iiij <i>li.</i> xs.
all. Brian Fawcett .	.	.	v <i>li.</i>
all. Geo. Bosseville .	.	.	iiij <i>li.</i>
John Liversedge .	.	.	xls. suspend.
all. Andrew Hatton .	.	.	iiij <i>li.</i>
all. Emanuell Justice .	.	.	vj <i>li.</i>
all. Robte. Benson .	.	.	v <i>li.</i>
all. John Sisson .	.	.	xls.
all. William Fletcher .	.	.	xls.
all. Francis Batley .	.	.	xxxs.
all. George Doiley .	.	.	xxxs.
James Rodes .	.	.	iiij <i>li.</i> mort.
all. Thomas Browne .	.	.	ls.
Francis Jackson .	.	.	xls. mort.
all. Rich. Taylor .	.	.	ls.
all. Thomas Robinson .	.	.	xls.

<sup>1</sup> The other orders made at these Sessions relate to Cottage (154, 155); Maintenance of base child (154*d*, 157); Maintenance of poor (161*d*); Settlement (155, 159); and Wanderer (159*d*).

all.	William Marshall	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	John Witton	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	John Graye	.	.	xls.
all.	Tho. Butterfeild	.	.	ls.
all.	Ric. Robinson	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	William Armitage	.	.	xls.
all.	William Witles	.	.	viiij <i>li</i> .
all.	John Broxupp	.	.	v <i>li</i> .
all.	Michael Jubb	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .
all.	William Milner	.	.	xls.
all.	Nich. Milner	.	.	xls.
all.	Geo. Redman	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .
all.	Geo. Graye	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	Thomas Clerke	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	Rich. Clayton	.	.	xs.
all.	William France	.	.	xxs.
[163 <i>d</i> ]	all. Jeremy Evers	.	.	vj <i>li</i> . xiijs. iiiij <i>d</i> .
	all. Mallory Normavile	.	.	iiiij <i>li</i> .
	Tho. Burton	.	.	xls. mort.
all.	Sam. Cawdrey	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	Roger Wentworth	.	.	xxvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
all.	William Broadhead	.	.	xxs.
all.	John Browne	.	.	xls.
all.	William Singleton	.	.	xls.
	John Stringer	.	.	xxs. mort.
all.	Thomas Haighe	.	.	[ <del>xxs. crossed out</del> ] xls.
all.	Thomas Tweddell	.	.	xls.
all.	Thomas Kaye	.	.	iiiij <i>li</i> .
all.	Geo. Thackwrey	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .
all.	Henry Lee	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	Rafe Normavile	.	.	v <i>li</i> .
all.	Geo. Feild	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	Robte. Jameson	.	.	xxxxs.
all.	Jonas Scolefeild	.	.	xs.
all.	Rafe Bointon	.	.	xls.
all.	William Steele	.	.	xls.

Penconers suspended quousque, etc.

	Geo. Wriglesworth	.	.	vj <i>li</i> . xiijs. iiiij <i>d</i> .
all.	Thomas Dicconson	.	.	iiiij <i>li</i> . all. ap <sup>d</sup> Rother- am, xix Jul., xvii Chas.
	Robte. Scott	.	.	xxxxs.
	Geo. Pate	.	.	xxs.
	Nicholas Eccles	.	.	xxxxs.



all. John Fletcher . . .	iiij <i>li</i> .
all. Robte. Beale . . .	viiij <i>li</i> .
Thomas Adcocke . . .	xxs.

Pencons allowed de novo.

all. Thomas Lillye, gent. . .	vj <i>li</i> . xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
all. Thomas Moorebye . . .	xxs.
Thomas Haighe . . .	xs. de increment.

[*folio 164 is missing.*]

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### SKIPTON.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 166] General Sessions held at, on Tuesday next after the feast of St. Thomas the Martyr, 13 July, 1641, before William Lister, kt., William White, esq., Edward Parker, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Richard Mason, Robert Martindale, Henry Blagburne, John Ayrton, William Marton, Richard Bearne, Francis Tomlinson, William Wooddilore, Robert Ayrey, Francis Watts, Lawrence Scarbrough, and John Baxter.

WHO PRESENT—William Anderson of Steeton, laborer, for stealing on 20 Dec., 1638 [*sic*], at Houlden, "halfe a pecke of wheate," value 10*d*., the property of Christopher Wade. Witn., Christopher Wade and Math. Garfor[th]. (Puts himself, guilty to 6*d*., no chattels.)

William Anderson of Steeton, laborer, for stealing on 20 Dec., 1638 [*sic*], at Houlden, two iron wedges, value 2*d*., the property of Christopher Wade. Witn., Christopher Wade, Math. Garforth. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[166*d*] Anthony Atkinson of Bolton-in-Bolland, butcher, Thomas Dobson of Gisburne, butcher, and Talbott Oddye of the same, laborer, for stealing on 23 Sept., 1640, at Dubsike in Keysden, par. Clapham, three kine, value each of them £3, the property of Thom. Watson. Witn., Tho. Watson, William Clapham. (At large. At Skipton, on 12 Jul., 1642, confesses, fine 12*d*., paid Sheriff.)

Anthony Atkinson of Bolton, butcher, for assaulting and maltreating on 20 Aug., 1640, at Dubsike, William Clapham of Dubsike, gent. Witn., William Clapham. (At large. At Skipton, on 12 Jul., year abovesaid, confesses, fine 12*d*.)

Anthony Atkinson of Bolton-in-Bolland, butcher, for being a common barrator, a disturber of the King's peace, an oppressor of his neighbours, a common malefactor, a calumniator, and

sower of strife and discord, on 10 Aug., 1640, and other days before and after, at Dubsike in the par. of Clapham. Witn., William Clapham, Thomas Watson. (At large. Not guilty.)

[fol. 167] Thomas Allanson of Dent, brasier, for having at Dent newly erected a cottage for the habitation of Thomas Crowe *als.* [blank], and for having received into the same cottage on 1 Jun., 1641, the same Thomas Crowe *als.* [blank] to inhabit as an inmate, not having assigned to the same cottage 4 ac. of land, contrary to the Statute in this case provided. Witn., Jo. Trotter, Christopher Greenwood. (At large. Puts himself, to plead at Skipton.)

William Smythson of Gargrave, husbandman, for having, in the fields of Gargrave on 2 Feb., 1640(-1), shot at with a gun charged with powder and "haile shott," and killed certain "pidgeons." Witn., George Shawe, Mar. Nelson. (At large.)

Thomas Croft of Flasbye, linnen webster, for having assaulted and maltreated at Flasby on 18 May, 1641, John Wiglesworth. Witn., John Wiglesworth. (Confesses, his fine is taxed at 6s. 8d., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

William Smythson of Gargrave, husbandman, for having at Gargrave, on the river Ayre, on 2 Jan., 1640(-1), shot with a gun, charged with powder and "haile shott," at certain birds, *anglicé* mollards, and killed them. Witn., George Shawe, Chr. Shutte, William Catteral. (At large.)

[167d] Lawrence Burton of Horton-in-Riblesdale, husbandman, and John Burton of the same, husbandman, for making an assault at Horton on 20 Apr., 1641, on John Johnson, and taking away a horse, value £4, the property of Lawrence Burton, which had been distrained, and was in the custody of the said Johnson. Witn., Jo. Johnson, Jo. Canffeild. (At large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

William Smythson of Gargrave, husbandman, and John Hall of the same, husbandman, for breaking and entering the free park of the Most Noble Francis, Earl of Cumberland, commonly called Carleton, on 29 Aug., 1640, and killing and carrying away a male "deare," commonly called a sower, with a greyhound, without the authority and without the licence of the said Earl. Witn., Adam Lofthouse. (Smythson at large.)

Leonard Crooke of Folifoote, laborer, he being an alehouse-keeper (*brasiator cerevisie*), for on 1 Jun., 1641, at Folifoote, selling beer and victuals to the King's lieges and not observing the assize. Witn., Richard Caudby, Richard Baxter. (At large.)



[fol. 168] Richard Hall of Steeton, for stealing there on 13 March, 1640(-1), a wether sheep, value 5s., the property of Christopher Holmes. Witn., Christopher Holmes, George Greenbank. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Thomas Smyth of Cononley,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, for perjury at the Sessions at Skipton on 9 Jul., 1640, in a case of the Earl of Cumberland<sup>2</sup> against Nicholas Smyth and others, in regard to hunting in Cononley Inges. Witn., Adam Lofthouse, Jane Baxter. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

[168*d*] John Pilkington of Mitton, husbandman, Agnes his wife, and [blank] Hardman of the same, husbandman, for making an affray on 8 Jul., 1641, at Mitton, and wounding and illtreating Christopher Warde, gent. Witn., Christopher Warde, gent., Henry Foster, Richard Carr, Aust. Tennte (?). (Puts himself, guilty, his fine is taxed at 10s., estreated.)

[fol. 169 is blank.]

### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 165.] **Elslack lower bridge.** For that this Cort is informed that the bridge, commonly [called] E[*l*]slacke lower bridge, is in great ruyne and decay for want of repaire, and that the same is very usefull and necessarye for the countrey, and that there remaineth some monyes in the hands of the overseeres of the worke at Gargrave bridge, ORDERED that the overseeres of that worke shall pay over unto the hands of John Watson of Thornton the summe of twentye nobles, to be ymployed for the repaire of the said bridge, who is desired to see the same bestowed accordinglye.

**High constable.** [165*d*] For that George Halstead, gent., one of the high constables for the wapentacke of Stainclyffe, hath informed this Cort of the urgent occasons he hath, and is now imployed in, for the managing of his estate, and other disabillities of bodye, soe that he cannot without great damage and losse attend the execucon of that office, THIS CORT doth therfore thincke fitt that Robert Bannister of Newhowse, Thomas Lister of Gisborne, William Baldwine of Crane end, and William Haworth of Pythorne shall attend upon his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace att their next monethly meeting, that some one of them may be made choice of to execute that office.

<sup>1</sup> In the township of Farnley-with-Cononley, parish of Kildwick, East Division of Staincliffe, Liberty of Clifford's Fee.

<sup>2</sup> "Francis, fourth Earl of Cumberland, was born in Skipton Castle in 1559, and died in the same apartment eighty years after. He seems to have been an easy, improvident man, but otherwise comparatively blameless." (Whitaker.)

**Conveyance of prisoner.** Wheras the towneshipp of Eshton, Flasbye cum Winterburne, have paid and disbursed the summe of fiftie shillings for the conveying of Thomas Dawson of Winterburne to his Ma<sup>tes</sup> gaole at the castle of Yorke, being committed for refuseing to enter bond for his appearance att the next generall sessions of peace to be holden in the W.R., by warrant directed out of this Cort, ORDERED that the now constable there shall distreyne the goodes of the said Dawson, and make apprisement therof by fowre honest menn within the said towne, and to make sayle, deducting the chardge of conveying him to Yorke, and restoreing the surplusage if any such be.

**High constable.** [fol. 166] For that John Lupton, gent., one of the high constables within the wapentacke of Stainclyffe, hath informed this Cort of the urgent occacons he hath, and is now imployed in, for the manageing of his estate, and other disabillities of bodye, soe that he cannot without great damage and losse attend the execucon of that office, THIS CORT doth therfore thincke fitt that Henry Colthirst of Bancknewton, Edward Tempest of Elliston, and John Dawson of Addingham shall attend upon his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace att their next monethly meeting, that some one of them may be made choice of to execute that office.<sup>1</sup>

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### ROTHERAM.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 170] General Sessions held at, 19 July, 1641, before Edward Roades, knt., John Reresby, esq., William Weste, esq., Thomas Jopson, esq., and Nicholas Yarbrough, esq., Justices.

**JURORS**—John Conway, Richard Pinder, Thomas Wood, John Wright, William Cudworth, James Pashley, William Steade, Thomas Satterhwaite, Thomas Wasse, George Coe, Richard Murfin, and William Holme.

**WHO PRESENT**—Mary Fidlinge, wife of John Fidlinge of Dodworth, blacksmith, for stealing there on 10 May, 1641, a linnen sheet, value 3s. 4*d.*, the property of William Shawe. Witn., Marg. Shawe, Eliz. Oddy. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

James Huscrofte of Kimberworth, laborer, for stealing there on 25 Jun., 1641, a calf, value 6s., the property of Thomas Clayton. Witn., Thomas Clayton, George Brounley. (Puts himself, guilty to 10*d.*, no chattels.)

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at these Sessions relate to Maintenance of bastard child (165(2), 165*d.*).



[170*d*] David Berry of Whiston, yeoman, for making an assault there on 19 May, 1641, on Mary Walshe and committing rape, and Elizabeth Hall, wife of Thomas Hall of Whiston, for aiding and abetting. Witn., Mary Walshe, Nicholas Thompson, Felix Tomson, Anne Bayes. (At large.)

William Heaton of Hunsworth, tanner, for stealing there on 1 June, 1641, one sheep, value 5*s.*, the property of John Burgas. Witn., Jo. Allen, Thomas Knight, Jo. Burgas. (At large. At Doncaster, 13 Oct., 1641, puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 2*s.* 6*d.*, paid to Sheriff, estreated.)

George Warde of Barnesley, skinner, and Margaret his wife, for making an assault and affray there on 15 June, 1641, and wounding and maltreating Thomas Lawton. Witn., Th. Lawton, Elizabeth Beever, Sar. Lee, Thomas Haldsworth. (Confess, fine 3*s.* 4*d.* each, estreated.)

[fol. 171] John Wilde of Brightsydebyerley, yeoman, being one of the inhabitants of that township within the par. of Sheffield, keeping at Whiston, *carucam, Angl.*, "a teame of oxon," between 1 June, 1641, and the day of this inquisition, for not working with his team on the repair of the king's highways in the township of Brightsyde byerley for the space of five days, when he was thereto required by the surveyor of the king's highways there. Witn., Ric. Wilkinson. (At large.)

Richard Witton of Tickhill, laborer, Jane his wife, Christopher Fretwell of the same, laborer, and Anne his wife, for breaking and entering on 12 July, 1641, a close there belonging to Robert Hall, and taking away two loads of hay, value 20*s.* Witn., Jo. Garfeild, Rob. Hall. (Confess, fine 3*s.* 4*d.* each, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Edward Pagden of Tickhill, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating at Wombwell on 27 June, 1641, William Stone. Witn., William Stone. (At large. At Doncaster, 13 Oct., 1641, puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 2*s.* 6*d.*, paid to Sheriff, estreated.)

[171*d*] That Rolande Revell of Bradfeilde, gent.,<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth his wife, Sara wife of Thomas Webster of the same, yeoman, Margrett wife of Richard Hawkesworthe of the same, yeoman, William Smelter of the same, Grace Smelter of the same, Ellena Smelter of the same, James Morton of the same, George Lewlinge of Barnebrough, gent., Agnes his wife, Thomas Lewlinge of the same and Alice his wife, John Haighe of Penniston, Mary Haighe, wife of the same, John Haigh, senr., of the same, Agnes

<sup>1</sup> For notes regarding the persons on this list of recusants, see Introduction.

his daughter, Margrett Roydes of the par. of Cawthorne, wid., Richard Shirtcliffe of the par. of Ecclesfeild and Bennett his wife, Francis Barber of the same, Margrett Barber of the same, George Revell of the same, Alice his wife, Mary wife of John Wylde of the same, Phillippa Anne of Clayton cum Frickley, esq. [*sic*], Mary Conyers of the same, Jane Anne of the same, Elizabeth Lepton of the same, William Clayton of the same, Mary Purdie of the same, Richard Bilcliffe of the same, Elena his wife, Anne Bilcliffe of the same, Thomas Yorke, Alice his wife, Margrett Mudd of the same, Lawrence Baite of the same, George Bate of the same, Mary his wife, Martin Gatenbye of the same, Dorathy Lee of the same, John Pennington of Whiteguifte, Mary his wife, John Raper of the same, Elizabeth his wife, Mary wife of Peter Penithorne of the same, Johanna Mattison of the same, Anne wife of [*blank*] Scroope of Beale, gent., Robert Shireson of Kellington, Elizabeth his wife, Jervase his son, John Piercye of Womerseley, Frances his wife, Lucy Peircie of the same, Dorathy Peircye of the same, his daughter, Bartholomew Peircye of the same, Thomas Cooke *alias* Swestman of the same, James Wright of the same, Margret Sayle of the same, William Nicholson and Bridgett his wife of the same, Peter Heptonstall of the same, Jane his wife, Margery wife of Thomas Keyes of Campsall, Elizabeth Banister of Bramwith, Mathew Hamerton of the par. of Fetherston, esq., Philip Hamerton of the same, gent., Dorathy his wife, Elizabeth Hippon of the same, wid., Margaret Hipperon of the same, Bridgett Hipperon of the same, Alice Hipperon, Mary Hipperon of the same, John Thorpe of the same, Jane his wife, Ellena Beckwith of the same, Elizabeth Bilcliffe of the same, George Pepper of the same, Agnes Barley of the same, Anne Fawcett of the same, Dennis Freeman of the same, [fol. 172] Philip Dolman of Badesworth, gent., [*blank*] his wife, William Shellitoe of the same, Anne Lee of the same, Anne wife of William Williamson of Snath, Katherine wife of James Norris of Cowicke, Thomas Mud of Burghwallis, Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Mud, junior, of the same, Margrett his wife, John Cowper of the same, Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Lynley, Jennett Masterman of the same, wid., Anne Masterman of the same, John Askewe of [*blank*] and Edith his wife, Francis Ogglethorpe of Knottingeley, gent., Mary his wife, Bridgett Coulson of the same, Jane Cliffe of the same, Mary wife of Ralph Hill of Haughton, William Billcliffe of the same and [*blank*] his wife, John Huntresse of the same and Mary his wife, Bridgett Coulson of the same, Jane Cliffe of the same, Grace Whiteley



of the same, Elizabeth Corde of the same, Michael Hepponstall of the same, John Halliwell of the same, Stephen Collin of the same and his wife, [blank] Rasin of Castleforde, John Coopelaine of Friston, Margrett his wife, William Harpam of the same, Mary Shireby of the same, Bridgett Hurst of the same, Elizabeth Oglethorpe of the same, George Hurst of the same, Richard Barker of the same, Anne his wife, Anne Bolton of the same, William Bayte of the same, Margrett his wife, Francis Balie of the same, John Balie of the same, Elizabeth Balye of the same, Thomas Shellitoe of the same and Elizabeth his wife, Anne Shellitoe of the same, William Shillito of the same, Barbara Rawe of the same, John Ogglethorpe of the same, Thomas Empson of Goole, John Empson of the same, Mary his wife, Gregoria Empson of the same, Elizabeth Thompson of the same, Mary Lady Reresby of Rotheram, Jane Reresby, Diana Reresby of the same, and Dorathy Reresby of the same, Alice wife of Henry Harpam of the same, Mary Jackson of the same, Robert Masterman of the same and Magdalen wife of Joseph Woodrofe of the same, Robert Masterman of the same, Magdalen Richardson of the same and Elizabeth Lady Fuliambe of Aldwarke, wid., who, on 1 April, 1641, were, and each of them was, of the age of sixteen years and over, did not repair to their parish churches, nor any other churches, chapels, or usual places of common prayer, nor were there at the time of common prayer at any time within one month then next following the aforesaid 1 April, [172*d*] but voluntarily and obstinately have forborne, and each of them hath forborne the same, from the said 1 day of April for the space of one month then next following, contrary to the Statute of 1 Eliz. (*i.e.* the Statute of Uniformity of Common Prayer, in this case enacted and provided), and against the Statute of 23 Eliz. (Proclamation was made at this Session according to the form of the Statute.)

Richard Carr of Rotheram, butcher, Anne Carr of the same, spinster, and Dorothy Creswicke, wife of Robert Creswicke of the same, laborer, for breaking and entering at Masbrough on 20 April, 1641, the dwelling house of William Tayler, and carrying off certain household stuff to the value of 40*li*. Witn., Wm. Tayler, Ric. Tayler, Jane Tayler. (All at large. Put themselves.)

Edward Riche of Thurleston, yeoman, and Mary his wife, for breaking and entering there on 10 June, 1641, along with many other persons unknown, the dwelling house of John Goddard, and making an assault upon him and wounding and maltreating him. Witn., John Goddard. (At large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 167] **Shafton assessments.** Forasmuch as th inhabitants of Shafton have petitioned and informed this Cort that they are much overchardged and overburthened in their layes and assessmentes, by reason divers of the best of the farmers of that towneshipp pretend an auncient erroneous custome, to asseesse by noble rent, soe that the poorest sort are onely chardged, and those that occupie and possesse the most land are eased, ORDERED that an equall and proporconable assessment shalbe made within that towneshipp or constablarye for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, after the rate of a halfe penny an acre for each acre everye man occupieth and enjoyeth, haveing a respect to the qualitey and quantitye therof, and the said rate to be continued hereafter, if in the meane time the rest of th inhabitants and farmeres of Shafton doe not showe cause to the contrarye at the next Sessions.

**Overseer's Accounts.** [167*d*] Forasmuch as this Cort is informed that William Simpson, overseer for the poore of the towneshipp of Stainforth, in the par. of Hatefeild, for the space of two yeares last past, hath contemptuously and wilfully refused to make an accounte of the monyes by him received and disbursed for the use of the poore of th inhabitants of Stainforth, althoughe he hath beene therunto often required, in contempt of justice and contrary to the Statute, ORDERED that the said Simpson shall forthwith pay unto the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of the said parish the summe of fortye shillings, as a fine for the use of the poore, for his said former contemptes, if the said Simpson doe not make a perfect accompt before Nicholas Yarburghe, esq., one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace.

**Hatfield assessments.** Whereas itt was formerly ordered att the generall quarter sessions of peace holden at Doncaster, upon Twesday, 13 Oct., 11 Chas. (1635), that the new improved lands, and the occupieres of Hatefeild parke and the coppies therunto belonging, within the constablarye aforesaid, shold beare and pay their equall and proporconable rates and partes in layes and assessmentes, as well for releife of the poore as for and towards his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service and other necessarye chardges within that constablarye, and therupon, att the last generall sessions holden at Pontefracte, 4 May last past, a warrant was awarded to convent the partyes of that constablarye, who shold disobey that order, before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, THIS CORT, haveing perused over the saide order and warrant, doe approve and allowe thereof, and confirmeth the same as much as in them lyeth.



**Arrears due to Constable.** [fol. 168] Forasmuch as Gervase Yates of Firbecke petitioned and informed this Cort that he, being late constable there, is arreare and out of purse the summe of thirtye eight shillings and one penny, which he disbursed in the execucon of that office, ORDERED that the now present Constable of Firbecke shall rate a proporconable laye of the said summe, and collect and gather the same upon the inhabitantes there, and pay over the same unto the said Gervase Yates, who formerly disbursed the same.

**Relief of poor.** Whereas itt was formerly ordered by his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace that the inhabitantes of the severall towneshippes and constablaryes within the wapentacke of Staincrosse shold pay and contribute for, and towards, the releife of the poore of the said wapentacke, according to an assessment already rated and assessed, and confirmed by his Mat<sup>ties</sup> said justices, the same to be collected and gathered by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the severall parishes in the said wapentacke, and paid over unto the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the said towne of Barnesley, now forasmuch as divers churchwardens and overseers of the poore there doe contemptuously refuse to pay the said assessment, soe rateably and legally assessed for the use aforesaid, ORDERED that the severall bailiffes and constables within the said wapentacke shall arrest, and convent, all and everye such churchwardens and overseers of the poore, as now refuse, or shall hereafter refuse, to pay the said assessment, before some of his Mat<sup>tes</sup> said justices, there to answeare their contempt.

**Hatfield assessments.** [168*d*] Forasmuch as divers differences have beene, and still are, dependinge betweene thinhabitantes of Hatefeild and thinhabitantes of Stainforth, parcell of the said parish, about the payment of their layes and assessmentes for releife of the poore there, the said inhabitantes of Stainforth pretending and alleadging an auncient custome that they are exempt from them of Hatefeild in their chardge, and that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there have usually paid the third parte of all assessmentes for releife of the poore, rated and assessed upon the new improved lands in the levell of Dykemarshe, to them of Stainforth, ORDERED, upon heareing both partyes, that the said inhabitantes of the whole parish of Hatefeild shall joyne in the rateing and assessing their assessmentes for releife of their poore hereafter, as the law in that case doth appointe, according to the quantitye and qualitye of acres everye man occupieth and enjoyeth, and because itt was formerly ordered. at the last generall sessions

holden at Pontefract, 4 May last past, that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Hatefeild shold pay the summe of xxs. apeece to them of Stainforth, as a fine ymposed upon them for disobeying the former order of this Cort, this Cort doth suspend the execucon of that order untill the next generall quarter sessions to be holden at Pontefracte after the Clause of Easter next, and then further order to be taken.

**Conveyance of prisoner.** [fol. 169] Whereas one William Milner of Kimbworth was committed to his Ma<sup>tes</sup> jaole at the castle of Yorke by William West, esq., one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, for divers misdeameanours by him committed, and there is expended in conveying him unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> said gaole the summe of xviijs., which is arreare and unpaid unto the constable there, ORDERED that the said constable shall levye and distreyne the goodes of the said Milner for the said summe, and that such goods as they distreyne they cause the same to be appraised and sold, deducting the said summe, and restoreing the surplusage unto the said Milner or his assignes, according to the Statute in that case provided.

**Alehouses.** Whereas this Cort is informed upon oath that Rafe Meller and Abraham Hepworth of Cumberworth have contemptuously and obstinately taken upon themselves to keepe alehouses in Cumberworth, without licence of any of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, contrary to the forme of the Statute, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there shall levie and distreyne of the goods of either of the said partyes the summe of twentye shillinges for the use of the poore there, soe that they apprise the same, and restore the surplusage, according to the Statute.

**Poisoning.** [169d] Forasmuch as Elizabeth Heliwell *als.* Hellifeild, late of Rotherham, spinster, standes indited for malitiously and wickedly attempting to poyson her selfe, one Nicholas Spademan of Rotheram, her maister, and his wife, by putting into their pottage certaine rattes baine, as alsoe the said Elizabeth is accused to be a woman of lewd life and conversacon, ORDERED that the said Elizabeth shalbe committed to his Ma<sup>tes</sup> howse of Correcon at Wakefeild, there to remaine untill the next generall quarter sessions of peace for this W.R., if in the meane time she be not otherwise delivered by due course of lawe.

**Highway robbery.** Forasmuch as Thomas Jessopp of Mattersey, in the co. of Notts., skinner, hath taken his corporall oath in open Cort that, upon 8 May last past rideing from Doncaster markett unto Bautry, he was there assaulted and robbed by a stranger, to him unknowne, armed with a sword and two



pistolls, who wounded him in his left arme, and tooke from him fower shillinges eight pence in moneyes, a sandy coloured gray mare, a bridle and a sadle, being worth five markes or therabouts, and that he presently repaired to Bautrye, and there raised hue and crye against the said felon, who is not yett apprehended, Now forasmuch as this Cort is satisfied that the said Jessopp may recover his saide goodes, soe feloniously taken and stollen from him, of the inhabitantes of the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, where he was robbed, doe therfore thincke fitt and order that the high constables of the said wapentacke shall pay and satisfie unto the said Jessopp the summe of fiftie shillinges, in full satisfaccon of all his demaundes, and collect and gather the same upon thinhabitantes of the said wapentacke, who are chardged by lawe, and ought to pay and satisfie the same unto the said Jessopp.

**Rescue.** [fol. 170] Whereas William Oates was this present day convented before his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace in their open quarter sessions of peace, for rescueing out of the custodye of one Thomas Allen the bodye of Elizabeth Helliwell *als.* Helli-feild, who was committed to the howse of Correcon at Wakefeild by William West, esq., one of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, for attempting to poyson Nicholas Spademan, her maister, and his wife, together with her selfe, by wickedly and maliciously putting rattes bain into their pottage, and sundrye other misdemeaunours objected against her before the said William West, and the said William Oates, for his said contempt, being injoynd to find suertyes to appeare att the next Sessions and in the meane time to be of good behaviour, which he contemptuously refuseth to performe, ORDERED that the said Oates shalbe committed unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> goale at the castle of Yorke, there to remaine untill he shall willingly performe the same, or be otherwise delivered by due course of lawe.

**Contempt.** Whereas William Bladworth of Thurne, taylor, was convented before his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace here assembled for the begetting a base child upon the bodye of Issabell Singleton of Fishlake, spinster, and being injoynd to find suerties to performe such order as shold be here made for the maintaineing and educateing the said base child, according to the statute, contemptuously refuseth to performe the same, ORDERED that the said Bladworth shalbe committed unto his Ma<sup>tes</sup> jaole att the castle of Yorke untill he shall willingly performe the same, or be otherwise delivered by due course of lawe.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at this Court relate to Bastardy [168*d*], Cottage [169], Maintenance of poor [167], Provision of house-room [168], and Settlement [170].

WAKEFEILD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 174] General Sessions held at, 22 July, 1641, before Thomas Bland, knt., John Ramsden, knt., John Savile, esq., John Kay, esq., John Farrer, esq., Edward Stanhope, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., and Thomas Thornhill, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Robert Milner, gent., John Rayner, gent., Thomas Nalson, Samuel Holmes, Richard Harrison, Amnell Baxter, William Stable, Mathew Dicconson, Thomas Peers, William Tomlinson, Christopher Seller, Vincent Scuton, William Powell, William Wrighton, and Josua Roades.

WHO PRESENT—Jane Linnesse of Hamblton, wid., for stealing there on 29 July, 1641 (*sic*), a piece of linnen cloth, value 8*d.*, the property of Thomas Tomlinson. Witn., Tho. Tomlinson. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Mathew Crosland of Almondberry, laborer, for stealing at Brighouse on 5 June, 1641, six yards of woollen cloth called "kearsey," value 12*s.*, the property of Thomas Flather. Witn., Tho. Flather. (Puts himself, guilty to 5*s.*, no chattels, a clerk, is burnt.)

[174*d*] Edward Hewitson of Wistow, laborer, for stealing at Cawood on 10 July, 1641, several pieces of wood, value 5*li.*, the property of the king. Witn., James Ravenscroft. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

William Dawson of Cawood, laborer, for stealing there on the last day of February, 1640(–1), divers pieces of wood called pales and rails, value 13*s.* 8*d.*, the property of the king. Witn., James Ravenstoft. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Laurence Dixon of Castleford, husbandman, Jennett his wife, Anne Dixon of the same, spinster, Margaret Dixon of the same, spinster, Valentine Wareinge, husbandman, and Robert Tomlinson of Tanshelfe, husbandman, for making an assault there on 17 June, 1641, upon Thomas Gibson, and wounding and maltreating him. Witn., Jo: Rawson, Hen. Ridgiall, Ric. Walker, Jo: Gibson, Tho. Gibson. (At large.)

[fol. 175] William Wythes of East Keswicke, yeoman, and Edward Wythes of the same, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 10 June, 1641, Thomas Dawson. Witn., Tho. Dawson. (Confess, fine 2*s.* 6*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Joseph Wilson of Staineland, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating at Eland on 1 July, 1641, William Dicconson. Witn., William Dicconson. (At large. Puts himself.)

James Hargrave of Wike, clothier, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20 April, 1641, Grace Pollarde. Witn., Gr.



Pollarde, Jo. Ramsden, Mich. Wheatley. (At large. Puts himself.)

Edward Mitchell of Thurleston, husbandman, for breaking and entering there on 4 May, 1641, with other persons unknown, the close of Ralph Saunderson, and breaking down the walls or fences. Witn., Ralph Saunderson, Robt. Hayre. (Puts himself.)

[175*d*] Edward Brooke of Ealand, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating at Stainelande on 17 July, 1641, Joseph Wilson. Witn., Joseph Wilson. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 2*s.* 6*d.*, estreated.)

Mathew Marshe of Hepworth, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20 May, 1641, Abraham Croslande. Witn., Abraham Croslande, Oliv. Robertes. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Geoffrey Wright of Selbye, labourer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 5 May, 1641, Francis Pothan. Witn., Fr. Pothan. (Confesses, the fine is taxed at 10*s.*, estreated.)

[fol. 176] William Kennerley of Stainelande, clothier, William Cowper of the same, yeoman, and John Shaye of the same, yeoman, for breaking and entering there on 15 June, 1641, the close of George Thorpe. Witn., Eliz. Thorpp. (Kennerley puts himself, not guilty. Shaye puts himself.)

John Bradforde of Ossett, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating at Alverthorpe on 19 July, 1641, Christopher Smyth. Witn., Christopher Smyth, John Northorp, Anne Skaife. (Confesses, fine 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

William Robertes of Flockton, laborer, and Jane his wife, for stealing at Emley on 10 Dec., 1641 (*sic*), a petticoat, value 13*s.*, the property of Anne Perrye. Witn., Marg. Broadhead, Alice Dixon, An Sunderland. (Confess, fine 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

[176*d*] Thomas Bell of Okenshawe, clothier, for assaulting and maltreating there on 22 July, 1641, Mathew Nayler. Witn., Math. Nayler, Abra. Walker. (At large.)

Thomas Roberts of Ramsden in the par. of Burton, yeoman, James Roberts of the same, husbandman, Gilbert Robertes of the same, laborer, Mellers Robertes of the same, laborer, Anthony Jackson of the same, laborer, William Flennye (?) of the par. of Almondberry, clothier, and John Battye of the same, and Margrett his wife, for assaulting and maltreating at Almondberry on 17 June, 1641, James Campinett. Witn., James Campinett. (At large. William Flennye and John Battye confess, each fined 3*s.* 4*d.*)

John Raunsley of Rishworth, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 31 Aug., 1640, Richard Akerode. Witn.,

Richard Akeroyd, Richard Hirst, Elizabeth Whelewright. (At Wakefeilde, 7 Oct., 1641. Confesses the indictment, fine taxed at 2s. 6d., estreated.)

[fol. 177] John Richardson of Wakefeilde, laborer, and William Broomehead of the same, for assaulting there on 5 July, 1641, Richard Gargrave,<sup>1</sup> gent., and taking his cloak, value 20s. Witn., Richard Gargrave. (Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, their fine is taxed at 2s., estreated.)

William Bromhead of Wakefeilde, laborer, and John Mathewman of the same, laborer, for stealing there on 30 June, 1641, six "breadthes of satten," value 5s., the property of John Browne. Witn., John Browne. (Bromhead puts himself.)

William Farrowe of Idle, clothier, for enclosing there on 1 June, 1641, a certain lane, commonly called Highfeild lane, leading between the town of Idle and the market town of Bradford, to the damage of all the inhabitants of Idle. Witn., William Overend. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty.)

Agnes Saunderson of Thurleston, spinster, and Abraham Saunderson of the same, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 15 May, 1641, Edward Mitchell. Witn., Edward Mitchell, Thomas Beves. (All at large. At Pontefract, 19 Apr., 1642, confess, fine is taxed at 2s. 6d.)

[177d] William Bromhead of Wakefeild, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 12 July, 1641, Henry Fowles. Witn., Henry Fowles, Joseph Hardwicke. (Puts himself.)

Elizabeth Clough, wife of Edward Clough of Rothwell, labourer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 6 Feb., 1640 (-1), Grace Westerman. Witn., Elizabeth Barker, Richard Barker, Grace Westerman. (At large.)

Thomas Cockhill of Fairburne,<sup>2</sup> laborer, John Jackson of the same, and Brian Danniell of the same, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating at Lumbie<sup>3</sup> on 13 July, 1641, Michael Whittley. Witn., Dorathy Morton, Elizabeth Whittleye, Michael Whitley. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> Son of Sir Cotton Gargrave, and grandson of Sir Thomas Gargrave, of Nostell. Hunter, writing in 1830, says: "The memory of his extravagance and his vices yet lingers about Kinsley. . . . The rustic moralist still points his counsel with the story of Sir Richard Gargrave, who could once ride on his own land from Wakefield to Doncaster, and had horses innumerable at his command; but was at last reduced to travel with the pack-horses to London, and was found dead in an old hostelry, with his head on a pack-saddle." (See *Chapters of Yorkshire History*, by J. J. Cartwright.)

<sup>2</sup> In the parish of Ledsham, Wapentake of Barkston Ash, Liberty of Pontefract, 2½ miles from Ferrybridge.

<sup>3</sup> Lumby, in the township of Huddleston-with-Lumby and parish of Sherburn, seven miles from Pontefract.



Mathew Marshe of Holmeforth, clothier, for assaulting and maltreating at Wakefeilde on 23 July, 1641 (*sic*), Thomas Hey and Gilbert Hutton. Witn., Thomas Hey, Gilbert Hutton. (Puts himself.)

[fol. 178] Robert Barker of Birkby, par. Thorneover, yeoman, for, both before and after 6 May, 1641, at Wooddersome, with a "hande-gunn charged with powder and hayleshott, shooting at and killing cunnys," the property of James Mauliverer, esq. Witn., Richard Jackson, Thomas Halliday. (At large.)

Michael Shipley of Dewesburie, laborer, for on 30 April, 1641, and on divers days both before and after, with a gun charged with powder and shot, shooting at and killing certain "pidgeons" there. Witn., Jennet Townend, Michael Parker, Jennet Barber, Isabell Roades. (At large.)

John Marshe of Birstall, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 21 July, 1641, Ambrose Dawson. Witn., William Dawson. (At large. At Wakefeilde, 7 Oct., 1641, confesses, fine 2s. 6*d.*, estreated.)

James Hilliarde of Bradford, laborer, Edward Akeroid of the same, mason, and Anne his wife, for assaulting and maltreating there on 23 May, 1641, William Wood. Witn., William Wood. (At large. At Wakefeilde, 7 Oct., 1641, Hilliarde confesses, fine 2s. 6*d.*, estreated. At Wakefeild, 12 Jan., 1641(-2), Akeroid, fine 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

[178*d*] George Shillitoe of Wakefeilde, butcher, for assaulting and maltreating at Ossett on 6 July, 1641, Judith, the wife of John Bollande. Witn., Judith Bollande, Elizabeth Wildman, Mary Bull. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court. His fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*)

A penalty of 40*li.* is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Wakefeilde because the king's highway leading to the market town of Wakefeilde and the town of Horburye is in great decay through want of repair, in a lane there called Horburye laine, so that the leiges of our lord the king are not able to pass without great danger of their lives by that way with their carts and carriages, and that the inhabitants of the parish aforesaid shall sufficiently repair the said highway, before the feast of St. Michael next coming, by the view of John Kay, esq., one of the justices.

A penalty of 20*li.* is laid upon the inhabitants of the "village" of Guisley, that they lie (*sic*) open a close, called the Oxe Close, in the parish of Guisley, leading between the village of Guisley and the village of Esholt, and so to the market town of

Ottley, which they have recently illegally blocked, before the feast of St. Michael the Archangel next coming. (At Wakefeilde, 7 Oct., 1641, on the oath of John Browne (the penalty) is exonerated.)

[*folio 179 is blank.*]

### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 171] **Maintenance.** Forasmuch as George Riley of Soyland, clothier, petitioned this Cort that one Grace Riley of Barkisland, widowe, and relict of John Riley, his sonne, by whome she had two children, hath left the said children with the said George Riley, and very unnaturally refuseth to provide for them, but that he the said George Riley hath bene constrained for two yeares and upwards last past to keepe and maintaine them, althoughe she had a good estate left by her said husband, ORDERED that the said Grace Riley, the mother, shall forthwith take and provide for one of the said children att her owne proper costes and chardges, or els upon her deniall the said Grace to be taken bound to answeare her contempt the next Sessions.

**Assessments unpaid.** Forasmuch as Richard Poskitt, now constable of Birkin, petitioned this Cort and informed that there are divers persons who occupie lands within that constablarye, who refuse such layes and assessmentes as are legally imposed and assessed upon them for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, ORDERED that the said Poskitt distreyne for all such layes as are, or shalbe, arreare and due unto him for the use aforesaid, or els, upon complainte made to any of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices by the said Poskitt, the said persons soe refuseing to be taken bound to answeare their contemptes the next sessions.

**Yeadon assessments.** [171d] Upon open heareing and debateing the differences depending betweene Henry Tompson, esq., and thinhabitantes of Yeadon about the payment of his layes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, forasmuch as the said Mr. Tompson condiscended to pay at everye marke lay the summe of two shillinges to them of Yeadon, condicionally that the old and new ymproved lands might be assessed according to quantitye and qualitie, ORDERED, by consent of both parties, that an assessement shalbe made of the old and new ymproved lands within the said constablarye for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service att the discrecon of Richard Brighowse, gent., Henry Johnson, gent., James Sagar, and William Midgley, according to the quantitye and qualite of acres everye man occupieth and enjoyeth, and whereas the said inhabitantes of Yeadon complaine that the



said Mr. Tompson, and the occupieres of the land aforesaid, are arreare in the payment of some layes amounteing to a good value, this Cort doth desire the said Richard Brighowse and Henry Johnson, att their leysure, to heare both the said partyes and moderate the said arreares as they in their discrecon shall thincke fitt.

**Settlement.** [fol. 172] Upon open heareing of the differences depending betweene thinhabitantes of Erringden and Sowreby about the setling and provideing for of one George Normanton and Samuell Lowcocke, for that this Cort conceiveth and thincketh fitt that the said George Normanton and his familye shold be setled and provided for in Erringden, and the said Samuell Lowcocke with his familye in Sowreby, for a conciliacon and finall end of the said differences, ORDERED that the said Lowcocke shalbe setled at Sowreby and the said Normanton att Erringden, but itt is thought fitt and soe ordered that the said inhabitantes of Erringden shall not provide for the said Normanton untill they of Sowrebye have entertayned and provided for the said Lowcocke as is aforesaid.

**The Long bridge.** Upon consideracon taken of the great use of a bridge, commonly called the Long bridge, in the par. of Uskelfe, being eleaven score yeardes in length, and of the disabillitye of the inhabitantes there to repaire the same, ORDERED that the summe of tenn pounds shalbe estreated upon the wapentacke of Barkston, and collected by the high constables there and paid over unto the hands of Edward Stanhope, esq., one of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices, who is desired by this Cort to see the same bestowed in that worke, butt itt is intended that this order shall not prejudice thinhabitantes of that wapentacke to chardge them hereafter with the repaire thereof.

**Alehouse.** [172*d*] Upon the peticon of divers thinhabitantes of Scamonden<sup>1</sup> who informeth that one John Earnshawe, of the same, keepeth a disordered alehowse, and hath hitherto brewed without licence contrary to the forme of the Statute, ORDERED that the said Earnshawe shalbe from henceforth dischardged from brewing and selling of ale and beare for the space of three yeares hereafter, and this shalbe a sufficient warrant unto the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there to levye and distreyne the summe of twenty shillings of the goodes and chattelles of the said Earnshawe for the use of the poore there, for his said contempt in brewing without licence, according to the Statute.

<sup>1</sup> Otherwise Dean Head, in the parish of Huddersfield, Agbrigg Division of Agbrigg and Morley, Liberty of Wakefield, six miles from Huddersfield.

**Halifax assessments.** Whereas the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of the par. of Halifax doe deferr to laye and asseste their assessmentes towards the releife of the poore within the same parish, by reason whereof divers of the poore there are neglected and not sufficiently provyded for, ORDERED that the said churchwardens and overseeres shall forthwith make a generall veiwe and poll throughout the said parish, and if any churchwarden and overseer refuse to performe this order, they to be taken bound to answeare their contempt in the premises the next assizes to be holden for this county.

**Arrears due to constable.** Forasmuch as Thomas Wayte, late constable of Selby, informeth this Cort that he is arreare and behind the summe of tenn pounds and upwardes, as appeareth by a schedule of particuler names under the handes of William Myers and otheres inhabitantes of the said towne of Selby, and assessoures of the said assessement, ORDERED that the now constables there shall collect and gather the said summes of the severall persons soe arreare, and pay the same over unto the said Wayte, and if any person or persones shall refuse, then upon complainte, etc., the said persons to be taken bound, etc.

**Arrears due to churchwarden.** [fol. 173] Forasmuch as John Bairestowe, late churchwarden of Ovenden, petitioned and informed this Cort that these persons are behind and arreare with him these severall summes following, which were legally imposed upon them for releife of the poore there, vidlt., Jane Haldsworth, widow, xvjs.; Lucye Bairstowe, widowe, xxvjs. viij*d*.; Henry Wadsworth, xxs. x*d*.; Joseph Hanson, js. iij*d*., and Josua Brigg, ijs., ORDERED that the now subsequent churchwardens and overseeres shall demaund the said severall summes of the said severall persons for the uses aforesaid, and if they shall refuse to pay the same, then the said churchwardens and overseeres are by vertue hereof to levye and distreyne the goodes of the said severall persones for the arreares, according to the Statute.

**Wakefield assessment.** [173*d*] Whereas itt was formerly ordered at the generall quarter sessions holden at Wakefeild 16 July, 16 Chas. (1640), that an equall assessment shold be made upon the inhabitantes of Wakefeild northgate, for raiseing and advanceing the summe of thirtie-one pound formerly disbursed and suspended by John Story, Nicholas Hodgson, Lancelot Wetherell, Daniell Oley, John Jackson of Wakefeild Northgate, and Robert Margerison of Wakefeild Westgate, in a suite depending before his Ma<sup>tes</sup> R<sup>t</sup> Ho<sup>ble</sup> Councell estab-



lished in the North partes, and there decreed against them, and therupon an assessment hath beene made and rated accordingly, but divers of thinhabitantes there doe contemptuously refuse to pay the same contrary to the said former order, and a confirmacon therof made att the Sessions holden at Wakefeild 8 Oct. last, wherein itt was declared that all and everye such person, and persons, which shold refuse to pay the said assessment shold be bound to the good behaviour, ORDERED that if any person or persons shall hereafter, upon reasonable demaund made, and showeing of the said assessment, refuse to pay their said assessment as aforesaid, if they doe not forthwith showe good cause why they ought not to pay the same before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, then the said partyes, upon complainte made to any his Ma<sup>tes</sup> said justices, to be bound to the good behaviour, or that a former estreat yssued out of this Cort may be revived againe to levye the said monyes of the said inhabitantes, according to the Statute.

**Alverthorpe.** [fol. 174] Forasmuch as thinhabitantes of Alverthorpe have petitioned this Cort and informed that an estreat yssued out of the Cort of the mannour of Wakefeild for not repaireing and amending a certaine fence in Alverthorpe, and therupon the summe of xxxixs. was levied of the poorest and meanest of thinhabitantes there, to their great chardge and burthen, ORDERED that the said summe shalbe layed and assessed upon the inhabitantes of Alverthorpe aforesaid according to the use and custome they use to rate and asseesse their constable layes ; and the same to be collected by the constable there and paid over unto the partyes who disbursed the same.

**Sharlston assessments.** Upon open heareing the differences depending betweene thinhabitantes of Folby and Sharleston, being both in one constablarye, about the payment of their layes and assessmentes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, forasmuch as itt appeareth unto this Cort that all layes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service have beene heretofore made in that constablarye according to an auncient custome, viz., thinhabitantes of Folby to pay a third penny to them of Sharleston, which hath beene usually and constantlye observed, and that itt was ordered at the last generall quarter sessions holden at Pontefracte that thinhabitantes of Folby shold release thinterest of their commons in Sharleston, and then an equall and proporconable assessment to be made according to the quantitie and qualitie of acres everye mann occupied and enjoyed, which all thinhabitantes there refuse to doe except two or three at the most, THIS CORT doth therfore vacat and make void the said order made at

Pontefracte, and doth confirme an order made at the last Sessions holden at Wakefeild, 14 Jan. last past, for the maintaineing and preserveing their said auncient custome, and ordereth that the same shalbe observed hereafter.

**Settlement.** [174*d*] For that Richard Lund and Grace his wife petitioned this Cort and informed that the said Grace, being an inhabitant within the towneship of Barkisland, was cast out of her habitacon by one Robert Scolefeild and others inhabitantes of the said towne, wherby her goodes were spoiled, and the said Richard Lund and Grace, his said wife, much damnified, ORDERED by the consent of both partyes that Nathan Wormall of Barkisland and Edmund Morehowse of Lindley shall sett downe what allowance the said Richard Lund and Grace his wife shall have for the damages by them sustained, which shalbe paid by the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there, and the said Richard and Grace are to be settled at Lindley, in the par. of Hothersfeild, where the said Richard was last settled and remained.

**Apprentice.** Forasmuch as John Walker of Liversedge petitioned and informed this Court that, about Michaelmas last was three yeares, one Wilfrey Peele of the same by indirect meanes obteyned one Thomas Walker, his sonne, to be bound unto him as a poore apprentice without his consent or approbacon, he the said John Walker being able to provide for himselfe and his children, meerly, as is supposed, for his the said Peeles owne advantage to prevent him for being chardged with a weaker child, ORDERED that the said Thomas Walker shalbe dischargd of his apprenticeship, and the said Wilfrey Peele may be att libertie to make new indentures from him the said Thomas Walker, to serve him as his apprentice for the space of seaven yeares, at the trade of weaveing, dyeing, and dighting of cloath, but not otherwise.

**Quick assessments.** [fol. 175] Forasmuch as divers of thinhabitantes of Quicke, in the par. of Sadleworth, have petitioned and informed this Cort that they are oppressed and overburthened in their layes and assessmentes, for that they make their said layes at the discrecon of the constable and some of the meaner sort of thinhabitantes there, noe respect being had to the quantitye and qualitye of acres everye man occupieth and enjoyeth, THIS CORT doth hereby enjoyne the constable there to nominate and appointe some of the ablest and sufficientest inhabitantes to rate and asseesse an equall assessment for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service according to the quantitye and qualitie of acres everye man occupieth and enjoyeth, and the same to be con-



tinued hereafter, soe that there be noe breath of any their auncient deuisions or customes formerly used and observed in the said constablarye.

**Arrears due to constable.** Forasmuch as James Harwood, late constable of Wadsworth, informeth this Cort that one Robert Thomas the yonger, Abraham Stansfeild, William Greenwood thelder, William Greenwood the yonger, now deceased, Mary Naylor, widow, John Akeroid, Gideon Stansfeild, John Eastwood, Joseph Heliwell, William Cockcrofte, Henry Cockcrofte, and John Cockcrofte, all of Wadsworth, are arreare and behind unto him their constable layes due for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, amounting to the summe of *iiijli.* and upwards, ORDERED that the said Robert Thomas the yonger, being now constable there, shall pay such arreares as are due by him unto the said James Harwood, and that the said Robert Thomas shall demaund all the rest of the monyes due by the partyes aforesaid, and if any of them refuse to pay their said arreares, then upon complainte made to any of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace they to be taken bound to answeare their contempt the next Sessions.

**Apprentice.** For that this Cort is informed that the churchwardens of Erringden for the yeare last past placed, and putt apprentice, one [*blank*] Mackerell, spinster, with Daniell Halstead and Jacob Barrett of Erringden, the said [*blank*] Mackerell being able of bodye and fitt to provyde for herselfe, being able to earne the summe of twenty shillings wages yearly, ORDERED that the said [*blank*] Mackerell shalbe dischargd of her said apprenticeship, and that the now churchwardens and overseeres of the poore shall appointe another apprentice to be putt out unto the said partyes att their discrecon.

**Contempt.** [175*d*] Forasmuch as Robert Scolefeild of Stanley, mason, stands convented before his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace for divers misdeameanoures and outrages by him done and committed, and being enjoyned to find suerties, as well for his personall appearance at the next Sessions as in the meane time to be of good behaviour towards his Ma<sup>tie</sup> and all his leige people, contemptuously refuseth to performe the same, ORDERED that he shalbe committed to his Ma<sup>tes</sup> jaole at the castle of Yorke untill he shall willingly doe the same, or be otherwise delivered by due course of lawe.

**Arbitration.** Upon heareing the differences depending betweene Daniell Christye and [*blank*] Halliday of Stanley, and John Helme of Rothwell, ORDERED, by consent of all the said partyes, that all the said differences whatsoever shalbe referred

unto the compromise and arbitracon of John Hopkinson of Lofthowse, who is indifferently chosen to end and determine the same.

**Highway.** Upon informacon given unto this Cort that the Kinges high waye upon Stainclyffe more in the par. of Batley, leadeing betwixt the markett townes of Wakefeild and Halifax, is in great ruyne and decay for want of repaire, and that the auncestoures of John Dighton of Stainclyffe, gent., formerly inclosed parte of the waste adjoyneing to that highway, conditionally that he shold repaire the said highwaye, as the lawe in that case doth appointe, and the said landes are now possessed by Robert Haldsworth and Richard Haldsworth of Liversedge, ORDERED that if the said Robert Haldsworth and Richard Haldsworth, haveing notice hereof, doe not repaire the said highwaye, and uphold the same, before the next Sessions, then a presentment to be preferred to the graund inquest of the defectes therof, and a paine to be imposed upon them.

(*Folio 176 is missing.*)<sup>1</sup>

#### KNARESBROUGH.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 180] General Sessions held at, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1641, before the Most Noble Ferdinand, Lord Fairfax, Thomas Fairfax, knight, William Fairfax, knt., Ingraham Hopton,<sup>2</sup> esq., Henry Arthington,<sup>3</sup> esq., Thomas Stockdale,<sup>4</sup> esq., and Geo. Marwood, esq., Justices.

JURORS—William Blythman, gent., Cha<sup>s</sup> Elsley, Richard Parker, W<sup>m</sup> Stevenson, Henry Peele, Thomas Smythson,

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at this Court relate to Provision of house-room [172, 173, 173*d*] and Settlement [171*d*, 173].

<sup>2</sup> Sir Ingram Hopton, of Armley, Royalist commander, killed in battle 11th Oct., 1643, son of Ralph Hopton, Esq., by Mary, his wife. Sir Ingram was baptised 23rd Feb., 1614, and married Helen, daughter and coheiress of Arthur Lindley, of Leathley, Esq. His daughter and sole heir married Sir Miles Stapleton. (See *Ducatus Leodiensis*.)

<sup>3</sup> Of Arthington, D.L. and M.P.; married Mary, daughter of Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax.

<sup>4</sup> Of Bilton Park, M.P. for Knaresborough, 1645–58; eldest son of William Stockdale, of Green Hammerton, and of Alice his wife, daughter of Thomas Hallum, of West Hallum, co. Derby. He was born in 1593, and married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Parsons, kt., Master of the Wards, and one of the Lords Justices of Ireland. Mr. Thomas Stockdale was buried, 25th Dec., 1635, in Knaresborough Church. (See *Dugdale's Visitation*, edited by J. W. Clay, F.S.A.)



Walter Buckle, W<sup>m</sup> Broadbelt, Stephen Gill, Joseph Smythson, Christopher Smithson, W<sup>m</sup> Parke, Martin Barker, John Bucktrout, and Robert Godfrey.

WHO PRESENT—Thomas Mawson and W<sup>m</sup> Maude, both of Collingham, laborers, for stealing on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1640(-1), at Clifforth, twelve stone of hay, value 2s., the property of Wm. Beilby, esq. Witn., Rob. Walker, Barnard Daniell. (Mawson puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws. Maude at large.)

Anne Wooller, wife of Geo. Wooller of Addingham, husbandman, for breaking and entering the dwelling house of Richard Cooke there on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1641, and stealing four pieces of wood called oak boards, value 2s. 6d., his property. Witn., Richard Cooke. (Not guilty.)

Richard Cooke of Middleton, laborer, for stealing at Addingham on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1641, a piece of wood, value 10s., the property of George Wooller. Witn., Rob. Helme, Geo. Wooller. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[180d] Henry Sadler of Burton Leonard, laborer, and Anne his wife, for stealing at Bishop Muncion on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1641, a sheep, value 3s. 4d., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Lawson. Witn., Confession. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

The same, for stealing at the same place and time, a sheep, value 3s. 4d., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Simpson. Witn., Confession. (Put themselves, not guilty.)

Antony Atkinson of Bolton in Bolland, butcher, and Richard Carr of Raithmell,<sup>1</sup> laborer, for assaulting and maltreating at Clapham on 20<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1641, Anne Clapham, widow, and Margery Preston, wife of Richard Preston. Witn., Tho. Watson, W<sup>m</sup> Clapham. (At large. Skipton, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, confess the indictment, fine 12d., estreated.)

Edward Tailer of Thriscrosse,<sup>2</sup> laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1640(-1), Walter Wayte. Witn., Walter Waite, Eliz. Radclyffe. (Puts himself. At Wetherby, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), he confesses the indictment, the fine is taxed at 10d., paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 181] Walter Wayte of Thriscrosse, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on the same day Edward Tailer. Witn., Edw. Tailer. (Puts himself.)

<sup>1</sup> Rathmell, in the parish of Giggleswick, West Division and Liberty of Staincliffe, 3½ miles from Settle.

<sup>2</sup> Thruscross, in the parish of Fewston, Lower Division of Claro, Liberty of Knaresborough, five miles from Pateley Bridge.

Antony Attkinson of Bolton in Bolland, butcher, for stealing on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, at Clapham, twenty shillings in told monies, belonging to Martha Clapham. Witn., Martha Clapham, Will. Clapham, Tho. Watson. (At Skipton, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, confesses, fine 12*d.*, estreated.)

Christopher Barber of Wetherbie, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1641, Joseph Pattrickson. Witn., Math. Dunwell, Rob. Robinson, Ric. Day. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 2*s.* 6*d.*, estreated.)

The same, for assaulting and maltreating John James at Wetherbie on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1641. Witn., Jo. James, Jo. Watson. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, the fine is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.*, estreated.)

[181*d*] Antony Atkinson of Boulton in Bolland, butcher, for unlawfully taking and carrying away there on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1639, forty shillings in told monies belonging to W<sup>m</sup> Clapham. Witn., Wm. Clapham. (At Skipton, 12 July, 1642, confesses, fine 12*d.*)

John Holmes of Thornthwaite, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating at Thiscrosse on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, Marmaduke Roundale. Witn., Marmad. Roundale, Tho. Richardson. (Puts himself.)

W<sup>m</sup> Smyth, husbandman, [*blank*] his wife, Stephen Smyth, laborer, Christopher Smyth, laborer, Richard Hardacre, shoemaker, Jane his wife, Thomas Skaife, laborer, Robt. Thompson, laborer, and John Thompson, laborer, all of Hampesthwaite, for unlawfully assembling there on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1641, and taking away "a hundreth cart loades" of turves, value £5, belonging to the inhabitants of the parish of Hampesthwaite. Witn., Jo. Simpson, Tho. Stansfeild, Nich. Yeoman, Rich. Hudson, Alex<sup>r</sup> Dearlove. (Wm. Smyth, Richard Hardacre, and Thomas Skaife not guilty; Stephen Smyth puts himself; Christopher Smyth at large.)

[fol. 182] Richard Cragg of Dent, husbandman, for receiving there on 1 Sept., 1641, Humphrey Pearson as inmate to inhabit a newly erected cottage, without assigning thereto 4 acres of land to be continuously occupied therewith. Witn., Jo. Lonsdale, Jo. Cragg, Geo. Willan. (The said Richard Cragg appeared to the indictment at Wetherby, 10 Jan., 1641(-2), and puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 10*s.*, estreated.)

James Willan of Dent, husbandman, for receiving there on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1641, Cuthbert Miller as inmate to inhabit a cottage without assigning thereto 4 acres of land, etc. Witn., Jo.



Londesdale, Jo. Cragg, Geo. Willan. (At large. The said James Willan similarly appeared on the day and year above mentioned, and put himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine is taxed at 10s., estreated.)

Richard Day and W<sup>m</sup> North of Wetherbie, laborers, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1641, Christopher Barber. Witn., Christopher Barber, Will. Adcocke, W<sup>m</sup> Wright, Eliz. Consett, Geo. Daniell, Fr. Nantson. (Day puts himself.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 177] **Clifforth assessment.** Upon complainte made unto this Cort by William Beilby, esq., that he is wrongfully chardged in the payment of his assessmentes and layes for his lands at Micklethwaite grange within the constablarie of Clifforth and par. of Collingham, THIS CORT doth entreat Sir John Goodricke, bart., one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, to convent before him all the partyes to the said layes and assessmentes att his leysure, and to examine the differences and heare the allegacones of all the said partyes, and settle an order to be observed amongst them hereafter, which upon his certificate shalbe confirmed by this Cort, or otherwise certifie his opinion therein.

**High constable's accounts.** [177d] Upon complainte made unto this Cort that William Hardcastle, gent., one of the cheife constables for the wapentacke of Claro, hath collected divers summes of money within the said wapentacke, which are oweing and arreare to severall persones who were appointed to receive the same, and are not by him accompted for, DESIRED that Sir John Goodricke, bart., and Thomas Stockdale, esq., two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, or the one of them, call the said Mr. Hardcastle before them to make his said accompt before the next sessions, that the monies soe arreare may forthwith be levied and paid for such necessarie uses as occasion requires, and if they find cause, to bind him to the next generall sessiones for this deviation to answeare his neglectes and misdemeanoures.

**Perjury.** Upon heareing Richard Daye of Wetherby, ORDERED that the said Day shall peremptorilye prosecute his traverse to a bill of indictment of perjurye depending against him in this Cort at the next Sessions, and in the meane time the prosecutoures to have notice to provide themselves of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> evidence, that the busines be noe longer delayed.

**Attendance at Church.** [fol. 178] Whereas by the Statute made in the first yeare of the late raigne of Quene Elizabeth of

famous memorie, all and everye person and persons inhabiteing within this realme, or any other of her Ma<sup>ties</sup> dominiones, shold diligently and faithfully (haveing noe lawfull or reasonable excuse to be absent) endeavour themselves to resort to their parish church or chappell accustomed, or upon reasonable lett therof to some usuall place where common prayer and such service of God shalbe used in such time of lett, upon everye Sunday and other dayes ordained and used to be kept as holydaies, and then and there to abide orderly and soberly dureing the time of the common prayer, preaching, or other service of God, there to be used and ministred, upon paine and punishment by the censures of the Church, and alsoe upon paine that every person soe offending shall forfeite for everye such offence twelve pence, to be levied by the churchwardens of the parish where such offence shalbe done, to the use of the poore of the same parish, of the goods, lands, and tenementes of such offenders, by way of distresse, which lawe being of late time neglected to be putt in execucon by the churchwardens of everye parish, not onely many persons neglect and absent themselves from the church, but the poore are deprived of the benefitt intended by that lawe towards their releife, ORDERED that everye churchwarden in everye parish within this W.R. doe forthwith take notice, and see the said lawe putt in execucon, and make knowne att everye monethly meeting, or to the next justice of peace, their proceedings in the premisses.

**Fire.** [178*d*] Whereas his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices here assembled have received a certificate under the hands of the inhabitantes of Killing hall,<sup>1</sup> that, upon 10 Sept. last past, certaine unrulye soldieres came to the house of one Leonard Kendall there, and most inhumanely and wickedly sett fire in his said howse, and burnt itt to the ground, his wife being in the said howse and in great danger, so that since that time she hath not beene perfectly in her senses, but continued distracted and distempered in her wittes, and further the said house, goodes, bedding, and other provision was there destroyed with the furie of the said fire, being to the value of fortye poundes and upwards, soe that the said Leonard Kendall, his wife and children are utterly impoverished in estate, not being able to provide for and releive themselves, unlesse present cause be taken for their releife and maintnance, His Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace here assembled, takeing the premises into consideracon, doe therefore hereby desire the severall ministeres and curates of the severall churches

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Ripley, Lower Division of Claro, Liberties of Knaresborough and Ripon, 1¼ miles from Ripley.



and chappelles within the severall wapentackes of Claro, Stainclyffe and Ewcrosse, Agbrig and Morley, Skiracke, and Barkston, to publish the contentes hereof, etc., and the churchwardens to collect, etc., towards the releife of the said Leonard Kendall, etc.

**Fire.** Whereas his Maties justices of peace here assembled have received a certificate under the handes of the inhabitantes of Great Usborne, that, upon the last day of March last past, there happened a sodaine and lamentable fire in the howse of Lancelott Rainsforth, through the negligence of a smith, who had to the quantyie of halfe a pecke of gunpowder in a chist in his shopp adjoyneing to the said Lancelottes howse end, where a sparke from the anvile fell into the said chist, the lidd being open, sett fire upon his howse, and burnt itt to the ground, to his damage and losse of eightscore poundes and upwardes, to the utter impoverishing of him the said Lancelott, [fol. 179] his wife and children, and further, before the furie of the said fire cold be quenched, itt burnt downe a howse of one Robert Smithe, a milner, to his great damage and ympoverishment, THERFORE his Maties said justices, pittieing the poore estate of the said Lancelott, doe hereby desire the severall ministeres of the severall parish churches and chappelles within this W.R. to publish the contentes hereof, etc., and the churchwardens there to collect, etc., for and towards the releife of the said Lancelott, etc.

**Alehouse.** Whereas certificate is made unto this Cort by thinhabitantes of Kilnsey in Craven, that one Henry Prockter of that towneship is a man of contentious and troblesome course of life, as alsoe of divers and sundrye other misdeameanours by him done and committed against the lawes and statutes of this realme, he keepeing a very disordered alehowse or tipling howse, to the great disquiett and disturbance of the said inhabitantes, THE CORT doth order that a warrant for the good behaviour shalbe awarded against the said Henry Prockter, as alsoe to dischardge him from brueing, or selling, ale or beere, or keepeing a common alehowse or tipling howse by the space of three yeares now next coming, which if he shall continue to doe, then to be convented before some of his Maties justices of peace, there to answeare the premisses, and to be dealt withall according to the lawes and statutes of this realme in that case provided.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at this Court relate to Maintenance of bastard child [177, 177d].

WAKEFEILD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 183.] General Sessions held at, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1641, before George Wentworth, knight, Edward Stanhope, esq., John Savile, esq., John Kay, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., John Farrer, esq., and Thomas Thornhill, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Richard Hopkinson, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Wood, gent., Thomas Dymond, gent., Edmund Wayde, yeoman, Antony Fell, yeoman, James Brookesband, yeoman, Thomas Morley, yeoman, John Birkhead, yeoman, Humfrey Reyner, yeoman, Richard Greene, Jeremy Woolfitt, Chris. Dade, Thomas Reame, Robert Cowkell, and Thomas Peares, yeomen.

WHO PRESENT—Anne Critchley of Wakefeild, spinster, for stealing at Grimston on 21<sup>st</sup> Aug., 1641, five pair of linen sheets and a pillow “ beare ” (*indumentum*), value 2s., the property of Robert Willowby. Witn., Rob. Willowby. (Puts herself, guilty to 18*d.*, no chattels, is burnt.)

W<sup>m</sup> Hirst, *alias* Tomlinson, of Batley, laborer, for stealing there on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1641, sixteen shillings in money belonging to W<sup>m</sup> Jackson. Witn., Tho. Lee, Will. Jackson. (Puts himself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels, is whipped.)

[183*d*] John Netleton of Wakefeild, laborer, for stealing there on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, £8 12s. in money belonging to Nich. Battersby, gent. Witn., John Battersby. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Timothy Martin of Rothwell, laborer, for stealing at Wetherby on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, a “ feather bedd tricke ” (*sic*) (*lectum*), value 14s., the property of George Webster. Witn., Rob. Webster, Rob. Bithman. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

George Gill of Howley, milner, for stealing there on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, fifty-two shillings in money belonging to John Strafforth. Witn., Jo. Strafforth, Abr. Firthe. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

John Askham, husbandman, and W<sup>m</sup> Askham, laborer, of Ledston, for assaulting and maltreating there on 3<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1641, John Lee. Witn., Jo. Lee, Jo. Leetham. (At large.)

[fol. 184] Francis Walker of Tanshelfe, husbandman, for unlawfully taking and carrying away at Nostell on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1641, a plank of oak wood, value 4s., the property of John Wolstenholme,<sup>1</sup> knight. Witn., Geo. Reynold, Tho. Austin. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

<sup>1</sup> Of Nostell Priory. Sir John was, together with partners of his in the collection of the customs, fined £150,000 by the Parliamentary Commissioners in 1650, which ruined him, and his estates were sold. He had a son slain at Marston Moor.



Joshua Hepworth of Ossett, husbandman, for that on the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1641, being then Constable of Ossett, and sworn to carry out the duties of that office, he neglected to execute a warrant under the hand and seal of John Kay, esq., one of the Justices, to him directed and delivered, for the arrest of Roger Hirst, Jenett his wife, and Elizabeth Waide, then living in Ossett. Witn., Joseph Nailer, John Nailer. (Confesses, the fine is taxed at 6*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

John Marshall of Woodhouse, laborer, and Elizabeth his wife, for assaulting and maltreating there on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1641, Miles Crawshaye. Witn., Miles Crawshaye, Anth. Dixon, Jennett his wife. (Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, and the fine of each is taxed at 6*d.*)

[184*d*] Laurence Browne of Wakefeild, husbandman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1641, obtaining there by a false token in the name of Thomas Somester, gent., from John Hartley his servant, 6 stone of hay, value 2*s.* 6*d.*, saying that he, Somester, had promised his man, the baxter,<sup>1</sup> to have some hay, and by that token the said Hartley should deliver some hay unto him the said Laurence Browne, which he received and converted to his own use, whereas in truth and fact the said Thomas Somester never appointed him to have or receive any hay of the aforesaid John Hartley. Witn., Tho. Somester, gent., Jo. Somester gent., John Hartley. (At large.)

Lionell Stead of Dighton, in the parish of Hothersfeild, husbandman, for on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1639, obtaining at Birstall by a false token in the name of Richard Hemingway, without any licence or authority, 48*s.* 6*d.* from George Stapleton of Birstall, and converting the same to his own use. Witn., Rich. Hemingway, Geo. Stapleton. (Puts himself.)

[fol. 185] James Hargraves of Wyke, clothier, for being there on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1641, and at divers other times both before and since, a common barrator, disturber of the peace; and oppressor of his neighbors, stirring up law suits and discords, etc. Witn., Hester Pollard, Rob. Wright, Jo. Wright, Isaac Firth, Jo. Senior, W<sup>m</sup> Walker, Roland Petty. (Puts himself.)

George Dobson of Rothwell, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1641, Gamaliell Goodall. Witn., Gamaliell Goodall, Hen. Harrison, Roger Moore. (At large.)

John Towler of Marr, laborer, and Robert Wilkinson of the same, cobbler, for on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1641, breaking and entering the

<sup>1</sup> Baxter = baker.

park of William Savile,<sup>1</sup> baronett, commonly called Breareley Parke, hunting and chasing with greyhounds two bucks feeding or resting there, and killing and taking away the same. Confession before Jo. Kay, esq., one of the Justices. (Towler at large. Wilkinson confesses the indictment, and is committed according to the form of the Statute, etc., and to pay £5 for damage.)

[185*d*] Henry Westerman of Rothwell, blacksmith, and Grace his wife, for assaulting and maltreating there on 28 May, 1641, Elizabeth Clough. Witn., Eliz. Clough, Henr. Goldsbrough. (At large.)

Robert Paulden of Churwell, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Hollinges, and Christopher Saunderson of the same, husbandmen, for on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, breaking and entering the Close of Richard Ellis and W<sup>m</sup> Ellis at Churwell, commonly called "two Acres," trampling under foot the grass growing there, and throwing down the hedges and fences. Witn., James Kitson, Hester Bower. (All at large. Removed by writ of *certiorari*.)

John Aneley of Hanley, tailor, and Alice his wife, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20 Sept., 1641, James Allen. Witn., Ja. Allen, Jo. Greeneupp, Math. Elie. (At large. At Wakefeild, 12<sup>th</sup> October.)

Joseph Fearnside of Bowleinge, freemason, for assaulting and maltreating there on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, Thomas Walker. Witn., Tho. Walker, Tho. Pollard. (At large.)

[fol. 186] Robert Scolefeild of Stanley, mason, for assaulting and maltreating at Middleton on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1641, Jane Holmes, widow. Witn., Jane Holmes. (At large.)

The same, for assaulting and maltreating Isabel Shilveington on the same day and place, and unlawfully taking and spoiling four quarts of milk, value 4*d.*, the property of Thomas Robson. Witn., Isab. Shilvington. (At large.)

John Pease and Benjamin Pease of Purston magna, husbandmen, for assaulting, beating on the head with a cudgell, and maltreating there on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, Margaret Beale, wife of John Beale. Witn., Will. Mitley, Margr. Beale. (Put themselves.)

That the king's highway leading between the market towns of Wakefeild and Hallifax is now in great decay for lack of repair within the parish of Batley, in a place there called Stain-

<sup>1</sup> Of Thornhill. He was returned M.P. for the county in 1640; was Colonel of a regiment of foot raised for the King in the Wapentakes of Agbrigg and Morley; and then Governor of York, where he died. The Saviles acquired Brierley Park and Manor from the Talbots, and these have since passed to the Savile-Foljambes.



cliffe Moore, and that Robert Holdsworth of Liversedge and Richard Holdsworth of the same, yeomen, ought to repair the same. Witn., Tho. Lee, W<sup>m</sup> Hird.

[186*d*] John Helliwell of Wakefeild, mercer, for on the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, unlawfully obstructing the king's highway leading between the streets there called Westgate and Northgate. Witn., Jane Jepson, Ja. Brigges, Susan Browne. (Puts himself, guilty.)

Charles Thimelby of Snydall, gent., for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1640, unlawfully enclosing and obstructing the King's highway between the towns of Sherleston and Snidall in a field there called Broadyng feild. Witn., Jo. Jubbs, Jo. Scoley, Nich. Morton. (At large. On the oath of Francis Hemsworth, gent., at Wakefeild, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), he is exonerated.)

Richard Walker, W<sup>m</sup> Walker, and Richard Duckworth, all of Wakefeild, laborers, for on the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, breaking and entering the warren of the most noble Thomas, Earl Savile,<sup>1</sup> commonly called Lindall hill,<sup>2</sup> at Stanley, and there killing with guns charged with powder and hail shott two conies, and casting down a building there erected, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., John Fossard *als.* Barker, W<sup>m</sup> Bromehead. (At large.)

Thomas Roades of Wakefeild, yeoman, for assaulting, imprisoning, and maltreating there on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, Thomas Tilston. (Puts himself, confesses, his fine is taxed at 2s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[fol. 187] W<sup>m</sup> Tomlinson of Staincliffe, husbandman, for that on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1640, he retained Agnes Senior as subtenant or inmate in a house of his for six months without assigning thereto 4 acres of land according to the form of the Statute. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Hird, Tho. Lee. (At large. Puts himself.)

John Mitchell, Thomas Smithson, and Mathew Longley, all of Stanley, in the parish of Wakefeild, laborers, for that on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1641, and on other days both before and after, they did not work for the repair of the king's ways within the township of Stanley for the space of 5 days as required by the

<sup>1</sup> Son of the first Lord Savile, of Pontefract. He was created Viscount Savile, of Castlebar, in Ireland, 11th June, 1628; Earl of Sussex, 25th May, 1644; M.P. Yorkshire, 1623-5; Lord Lieutenant; imprisoned in the Fleet, 1638-9. Vacillated between Royalist and Parliamentary parties, but had to compound heavily for his estates. (See *Extinct and Dormant Peerages*, by J. W. Clay, F.S.A.)

<sup>2</sup> Lindle Hill, one of the prominences of the ancient "Outwood" of Wakefeild.

overseer of the king's high ways, according to the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., The overseer of the highways within Stanley. (All at large.)

A penalty of £20 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Sandall and Wakefeild that they sufficiently repair the king's highway leading between the market town of Wakefeild and the town of Sandall, which is now in great decay, etc., before the feast of the Epiphany next, by the view of Geo. Wentworth, knight, one of the Justices.

A like penalty of £20 is laid upon the inhabitants of Swillington, that they sufficiently repair the king's highway leading between the town of Swillington and the market town of Wakefeild, in a place between Swillington and Swillington Bridge end, before the feast of the Epiphany next, by the view of John Farrer, esq., one of the Justices.

A like penalty of £20 is laid upon the same inhabitants of Swillington that they sufficiently repair the king's highway leading between the town of Garforth and the market town of Wakefeild, in a lane between Swillington Church and Garforth, before the Epiphany next, by the view of Thomas Thornhill, esq., one of the Justices.

#### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 180.] **Soyland assessments.** Upon heareing and debateing the differences depending in this Cort betweene the inhabitantes of Sowreby and Soyland, in the presence of Councell learned on both partes, about the payment of their constable layes and assessmentes for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, forasmuch as th inhabitantes of Soyland have proved in open Cort, by the oathes of John Godley and Michael Lume, that for the space of fortie five yeares and upwardes the said inhabitantes of Soylande have paid the fowerth part of all their constable layes, vidlt., att a laye of eight poundes the summe of fortye shillinges and noe more, and soe proporconably, and had everye fowerth yeare a constable, soe that the said custome hath bene continued above fortye five yeares, as appeareth by the testimonie aforesaid, THIS CORT doth therefore thincke fitt to confirme the said auncient custome for the inhabitantes of Soyland, and doth order that they shall have everye fowerth yeare onely a constable, and shall pay the fowerth parte of all auncient constable layes, and assesse the same amongst themselves as they have usually done, but for all manner of new chardges, as poll money or other legall paymentes, this Cort thincketh fitt to leave the same to be equally assessed and rated upon the whole constablarye according to lawe.



**Settlement.** Whereas differences have growen betwixt thinhabitantes of Sowreby and Erringden concerning the setling of one George Normanton in Sowreby and Samuell Laycocke in Erringden, ORDERED by assent that the inhabitantes of Sowreby shall suffer and permitt the said Normanton to dwell and remaine in Sowreby, untill he cann convenientlye provide for himselfe.

**Settlement.** [180d] Forasmuch as this Cort is informed that [blank] Stott, wife of John Stott of Warley, and her children have lately removed themselves out of Warley unto Sowreby, the said John Stott flyeing away from his wife and children upon an accusacon against him of felonie, and left them likely to be chardgable unto thinhabitantes of Warley, althoughe the said Stottes wife and her children never remained, or was settled amongst them of Sowrebye, but was harboured by one Richard Wadsworth, the said Stott's wives father, one of the inhabitantes of Sowreby, about a fortnight last past, ORDERED that the said [blank] Stott and her children shalbe remaunded and sent from Sowrebye unto Warley, where she and her husband were last settled, and if the said Wadsworth shall hereafter harbour his daughter and children in Sowreby, then he to be arreasted by the constable there, and convented before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, there to answeare his abuse and contempt in the premisses.

**Desertion.** Forasmuch as James Cowper of Clifforth, deputie unto George Turner, constable there, informed this Cort that one Barbara Smith, a criples, being brought thither by a pasport from London, haveing a younge child about tenn weekes old with her, pretending herselfe to be greene, and not fitt to travile, desired to staye a day there upon her owne chardge to refresh herselfe, but the night following most inhumanely conveyed herselfe away privately, and left her younge child there, being pursued by divers of the inhabitantes of Clifforth the next morneing, but cold never be taken or apprehended, ORDERED that the said inhabitantes of Clifforth shall provide for and maintaine the said yonge child, as the lawe in that case doth appointe, untill the said mother cann be apprehended, or they cann otherwise legally dischardge themselves of that chardge.

**Plague.** [fol. 181] Whereas Eden Wilson of Hipperholme, widowe, petitioned and informed this Cort that she, haveing bene lately infected with the contagious disease of the plaue, hath continued safe from that dangerous contagion by the space of fifteene weekes, and that, dureing all the time she was re-

strained, all her children and servantes were maintained at her chardge, and that she hath compounded with one to clense her howse, who is to receive of her the summe of seaven poundes, and therefore desired this Cort to take into consideracon, as well her said extraordinarye chardge amountinge to thirtye pounds or therabouts, as alsoe to restore her to her former libertye, ORDERED that the said Eden Wilson, her children, and servantes may be at libertie to ymploye themselves abroad about their affaires, soe that none of them come within their howse, soe infected (but that the same be kept shutt), untill two of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, next adjoyneing the said howse, shall thincke fitt to licence them to enter therein, and itt is further ordered that the said Eden Wilson shall have such a proporcon of monyes allowed her for her former chardge, expended in maintaineing herselfe and servantes, as two of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices next adjoyneing unto Hipperholme shall thincke fitt, out of the allowance assessed upon the cuntrye for the releife of the poore visited people there.

**Relief of poor.** Forasmuch as this Cort is informed that one Richard Cowhird of Stainland, a poore old impotent man, is not able to maintaine himselfe, but hath had allowance of twelve pence monethly out of the towneship of Stainland paid him by the overseeres of the poore there, which of late they have refused to doe, ORDERED that the said overseeres shall not onely continue the payment of the said twelve pence a moneth, but alsoe pay such arreares as are behind and unpaid att their perills.

**Maintenance.** [181*d*] Upon open heareing thinhabitantes of Dalton, and Thomas Cowper of the same, about the setling and provideing for of the said Cowper and Elizabeth his wife, because itt appeareth unto this Cort that the said Cowper and his wife are, and before the time of their mariage were, settled, and remained as servantes in the service of Edmund Brooke of Dalton, and that they were lawfully hired for a yeare, their time being not yett expired untill Midsommer next or therabouts, ORDERED that the said Cowper and his wife shall remaine and serve out the rest of their yeare, not yett expired, with the said Edmund Brooke, their maister, and when their time of service is expired, then they are at libertie to provide for themselves a harbour at Dalton, or elsewhere, where they cann convenient-lye, being able of bodye, and not such poore as are by lawe to be provided for or maintained by the inhabitantes there.

**Distraint.** Forasmuch as thinhabitantes of Ferryfriston, in the par. of Pontefract, informeth this Court, that an equall



assessment being made amongst them for the releife and provideing for of one Henry Fogge, thelder, a poore old blind man, who is to be provided for by the said inhabitantes, divers refractorye persons, their neighbours, refuse to paye the said assessmentes, soe legally ymposed and assessed upon them for the use aforesaid, ORDERED that Mathew Crowther, now churchwarden there, shall distreyne and levye of all, and everye, person and persons soe refuseing to pay the said assessment, and apprise and make sale of the goodes soe distreyned, restoring the surplusage to the owneres as the lawe in that case doth appointe.

**Arrears due to constable.** [fol. 182] Forasmuch as Thomas Garnett, late constable of Wakefeild Westgate, produced an accounte unto this Cort of his receiptes and disbursementes, allowed by divers inhabitantes there, and confirmed by John Savile and Francis Nevile, esquires, two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, whereby itt appeares that he is out of purse the summe of nine shillings eight pence *ob.* due unto him, and twentye six shillings eight pence, which the said inhabitantes thought fitt to allowe him, because his howse was made a cort of guard by the constables, when the troupes was billeted there, ORDERED that the now present constable shall pay unto the said Garnett the said summe of 9s. 8½*d.*, and doth further allowe the said summe of 26s. 8*d.* to be paid by the severall constables of Wakefeild, which are now, or shalbe, in office hereafter, as is desired.

**Settlement.** [182*d*] Upon informacon given unto this Cort that one John Wood of Ashton under Lyne, in the co. of Lanc., laborer, hath procured his wife and two children to be enter-tayned in Sadleworth as tennantes unto Henry Cocke of Ashton, and the said Wood hath beene and remained ever since Midsummer was twelvemoneth last past in the par. of Ashton, as drister of a kilne under Sir George Boothe, knt. and bart., he farmes there, the said inhabitantes of Saddleworth, feareing the said [blank], the wife, and children shold be chardgable unto them, ORDERED that the said [blank] Wood and her children shalbe remaunded and sent by the constable of Sadleworth unto Ashton, there to be settled with her husband, as the lawe in that case hath appointed.

**Assessment.** [fol. 183] For that Ann Wayde of Farsley, widowe, informeth this Cort that she is overchardged and overburthened in her constable layes for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service by thinhabitanes there, being a poore woman, haveing noe other livelyhood but a farme of six pound yearly value to maintaine herselfe upon, ORDERED that the assessores of the constable layes in that

constablarye, which are not already paid by the said Ann Wayde, shall reveiwe the said last past, and correct the same, and ease the said Ann Wayde of that chardge imposed upon her, and hereafter rate and assesse their layes proporconably, that there be noe cause of complainte.

**Birstall church bridge.** [183*d*] Upon informacon given to this Cort by certificate, under the handes of the most sufficient and ablest menn within the towneship of Gomersall, of the great use of a bridge, lyeing nere unto Birstall church, commonly called the Church bridge, which was lately ruinous and in great decay, and that itt is conceived the inhabitantes of the par. of Birstall shold generally contribute for the repaire of the said bridge, and the said bridge being repaired the chardge therof amounteth to sixteene poundes and upwardes, ORDERED that the summe of tenn poundes shalbe equally and proporconably rated and assessed upon the inhabitantes of the par. of Birstall, and collected by the severall constables of that parish, and paid over unto the overseeres of the highwayes, there to be repaid unto those who formerly disbursed the same for that worke.

**Relief of poor.** [fol. 184] Upon consideracon taken by this Cort of the povertye and necessitie of Rafe Dey of Rothwell, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there shall allowe unto him six pence weekly towards the releife of him and Dorathy Dey, his daughter, a poore criple.

**Kirkstall bridge.** Whereas this Cort is informed that the great stone bridge at Kirkstall, commonly called Kirkstall bridge, is in great ruyne and decay for want of repaire, and that the same ought to be repaired at the chardge of the whole W.R., THIS CORT doth therfore intreat Benjamin Wayde of Newgrange, gent., being a neare neighbour unto that bridge, with the assistance of some workeman, to veiwe the defectes of that bridge, and disburse what summe he shall thincke fitt for the repaire thereof, being not above the summe of tenn poundes, and the same to be allowed out of this W.R. the next generall quarter sessions of peace, and if the said summe of tenn poundes, or under, will not sufficiently repaire the same, then, upon a certificate from the said Mr. Wayde, a greater summe to be allowed at the next generall sessions of peace holden after the Clause of Easter next comeing.

**Contempt.** Forasmuch as Thomas Murgetroid and others standes indited for an assalt and batterye committed upon one John Whitwham, and have not traversed the same according to a recognisance entred by Henry Murgetroide, ORDERED by [*sic*] a warrant *per curiam* be awarded against the said



Thomas Murgetroid and the rest, to answeare the premisses the next Sessions.

**Plague.** [184*d*] Whereas informacon is given unto this Cort upon oath, that thinhabitantes of the severall towneshippes of Hipperholme cum Brighowse, Shelfe, and Clifton, being infected and visited with the contagious disease of the plauge, divers persons dyeing there, and otheres being restrained from their laboures, became necessitated and not able to provyde for themselves, soe that the said inhabitantes were compelled to disburse severall summes of great value for and towards their releife and maintenance, amounting in the whole to the summe of a hundreth thirtye eight pounds five shillings, and an assessment being already rated and assessed by Thomas Thornhill and Abraham Sunderland, esquires, two of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace within the compasse of five miles, according to the Statute in that case provyded, for and towards their releife, and the danger of the said contagion still encreaseing, itt is conceived that this whole W.R. ought to be chardged towards their releife, ORDERED that the summe of two hundreth poundes shalbe forthwith rated and assessed upon the said W.R., and collected by the severall high constables of the severall wapentackes there, and paid over unto John Kay, esq., Thomas Thornhill, esq., and Abraham Sunderland, esq., three of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, for the releife and restraite of the said poore visited people in this their necessitie, and for repaireing and satisfieing the chardges they have already expended in their maintnance and necessarye provision.

**Bastard child.** For that Robert Ellyott of Notton,<sup>1</sup> yeoman, doth not provide for a base [child] of his, but hath putt the same to nurse, where itt is ready to starve for want of necessaryes, contrary to an order made by Francis Nevile and Thomas Jopson, esquires, two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, as this Cort is informed upon oath, ORDERED that a warrant *pro se bene gerend.* shalbe awarded against the said Ellyott to answeare the premisses.

**Alehouse.** [fol. 185] For that Robert Hall of East Ardesley hath committed divers and sundrye misdeameanoures, and alsoe keepeth a very disordered alehowse, to the great disquiett and disturbance of his neighboures, ORDERED that the now constable there shall dischardge the said Hall from brueing, or selling, ale or beere, or keepeing alehowse or tipling howse, by the space of three yeares, according to the Statute, and if he shall continue to brue or sell beere or ale then to convent him

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Royston, Wapentake of Staincross, Liberty of Pontefract, four miles from Barnsley.

before some of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace, there to answeare the premisses, and to be dealte withall as the lawes and statutes of this realme doth appointe.

**Unlawful hunting.** Whereas Robert Wilkinson of Marr, cobbler, stands indited and convict by his owne confession, at this present Sessions, for the unlawfull entring into the parke of Sir William Savile, bart., commonly called Brearley parke, and there hunting and killing two buckes with greyhoundes, ORDERED that the said Wilkinson shalbe committed to his Mat<sup>es</sup> gaole [in] the castle of Yorke by the space of three monethes now next comming, and untill he pay and satisfie unto the said Sir William Savile the summe of five poundes for his damages herein susteyned, according to the statute.<sup>1</sup>

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### DONCASTER.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 188.] General Sessions held at, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1641, before Edward Roades, knight, John Reresby, esq., William West, esq., Robert Rockley, esq., John Mauliverer, esq., and Nicholas Yarbrough, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Robert Wilbore, gent., William Walker, gent., Thomas Ward, gent., Robert Beamond, gent., Thomas Wainwright, gent., Ralph Milner, gent., William Rooke, gent., John Helliwell, James Dymond, John Mickelthwaite, Robert Adwicke, Francis Hogley, John Bacon, W<sup>m</sup> Sutcliffe, and Roger Hawme.

WHO PRESENT—Henry Greene of Barnesley, mercer, and Peter Robinson of the same, sadler, for assaulting, imprisoning, and maltreating there on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1641, Robert Denton, also with detaining him in prison against the law and custom of England for the space of 5 hours. Witn., Rob. Denton. (At large. At Barnesley, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), put themselves on the clemency of the Court, the fine is taxed at 12*d.* (each), paid Sheriff.)

W<sup>m</sup> Watson of Bolton upon Dearne, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641, at Himsworth, John Addie. Witn., Jo. Addie. (At large.)

[188*d*] John Goddard of Thurstleton, husbandman, and Frances his wife, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1641, and at divers other times before and since, breaking and entering the close of

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at this Court relate to Maintenance of poor [182] and Settlement [182*d*, 183, 183*d*].



Edward Riche at Thurlestone, and throwing down the hedges and fences ; also with assaulting and maltreating John Riche. Witn., Edw. Riche, Edw. Hawkesworth. (At Barnesley, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), put themselves on the clemency of the Court, fine 3s. 4d., estreated.)

Nicholas Cooke of Thurgoland, husbandman, and Elizabeth Cooke his wife, for assaulting and maltreating there on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, John Hargraves. Witn., Jo. Hargraves, W<sup>m</sup> Boothe. (At large. At Rotheram, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, put themselves on the clemency of the Court, the fine is taxed at 5s.)

Gilbert Waddilove of Thurnscoe, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating at Thurnscoe on 25 Aug., 1641, James Feild, gent., constable there. Witn., Ja. Feilds, Edw. Ottley, Tho. Ottley, Mich. Sharp. (Puts himself, guilty, fine £5, paid Sheriff.)

[fol. 189] James Feild, gent., Edward Ottley, laborer, Michael Sharp, laborer, Joseph Rawson, laborer, and Lawrence Buckley, laborer, all of Thurnscoe, for assaulting and maltreating there on 25 Aug., 1641, Gilbert Waddilove. Witn., Anth. Ward, Katherine his wife, Roger Jessop. (Put themselves, guilty of assault, fine 10s., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Robert Ladd of Great Houghton, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating Francis Moakeson there on 28 July, 1641. Witn., Fr. Moacson. (At large. At Barnesley, 19 Jan., 1641(-2), Robert Ladd confesses, and puts himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine is taxed at 5s., and paid Sheriff in Court, estreated.)

Nicholas Clarke of Thurne, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating Margery Fox there on 25 Sept., 1641. Witn., Tho. Fox, Marger. Fox, Jane Kirkby. (At large. At Barnesley, 19 Jan., 1641(-2), puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 5s., estreated.)

[189d] Richard Watts<sup>1</sup> of Ecclesfeild, clerk, John Fidle of the same, husbandman, and Edward Dixon of the same, yeoman, for riotously assembling there on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct., 1641, entering a messuage commonly called Barnes hall in the peaceful possession of Samuel Vanpanie, esq., expelling him therefrom and keeping him so expelled to this day. Witn., Edw. Holland, John Hewett. (At large. At Barnesley, 19 Jan., 1641(-2), they confess the indictment, the fine of each is taxed at 5s., estreated.)

<sup>1</sup> Apparently Richard Watts, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge ; Vicar of Chesterton ; and chaplain to Thomas, Earl of Stratford, who, Hunter says, had Barnes Hall, in Ecclesfield, by gift of his half-brother, Sir Richard Scott.

Houseley Freeman, yeoman, Edward Dixon, yeoman, Nicholas Dison, laborer, Ellis Barber, laborer, Thomas Clitheroe, laborer, and W<sup>m</sup> Shelley, laborer, all of Ecclesfeild, for riotously assembling there on 12<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1641, entering the above messuage called Barnes hall, then in the peaceful possession of the said Samuel Vanpanie, esq., expelling him therefrom, and keeping him so expelled to this day. Same witnesses. (All at large. At Barnesley, 19 Jan., 1641(-2), each of them confesses the indictment, and the fine of each is taxed at [*blank*].)

[fol. 190] The said Houseley Freeman and Nicholas Gilles of Ecclesfeild, husbandman, for riotously assembling there on 9 Oct: 1641, and breaking and entering the house of the said Samuel Vanpanie, to his grievous hurt and damage. Same witnesses. (At large. At Barnesley, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), they confess the indictment, fine [*blank*].)

W<sup>m</sup> Ruslen *als.* Russell of Worsbrough dale, feltmaker, and Mary his wife, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug., 1641, unlawfully taking and driving away a sheep there, value 3s. 4d., the property of someone unknown. Witn., Nich. Medley. (At large. At Barnesley, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), they confess the indictment, put themselves on the clemency of the Court, fine 12d., paid Sheriff.)

Robert Hepworth of Cumberworth, yeoman, for retaining Edward Brooke and Sarah his wife as subtenant or inmate in a house of his there, for one month preceding 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 1641, without assigning thereto 4 acres of land according to the Statute, to the heavy expense and grievance of the inhabitants of the parish of Silkston. Witn., Geo. Pollard, Tho. Morehouse. (At large.)

Richard Stones of Hatefeild, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 31 May, 1641, Edward Holland, clerk. Witn., Edw. Holland. (At large. Appears to the indictment at Rotheram, 18 Jan., 1642(-3), and puts himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine is taxed at 10s., paid Sheriff.)

[190d] Richard Herring of Wath, husbandman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1641, and on divers other days and times before and after, placing in the open street at Wombwell certain cartloads of limestone, so that the king's subjects could not pass by that way, against the form of the Statute. Witn., Jo. Hanson. (At large. At Barnesley, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641-2, puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 2s. 6d., estreated.)

Thomas Whitley of Rotheram, ironmonger, and Thomas Woodall of Worsbrough, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, at Worsbrough, George Craven, he being



then with Robert Lund, Thomas Garforth, and Thomas Johnson, a bailiff, specially deputed by John Bucke, knight, Sheriff of Yorkshire, to arrest the body of Jervase Whitley to answer at Westminster to Allan Ridgiall, on a plea of trespass, by which assault they rescued the said Jervase Whitley from the custody of the said George Craven, and permitted him to go at large. Witn., Geo. Craven. (At large. At Barnesley, 19 Jan., 1641(-2), the said Thomas Whitley confesses the indictment, the fine of each of them is taxed at 2s. 6d., paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[fol. 191] John Wright of Austerfeild, gent., for assaulting and maltreating there on 21 Sept., 1641, Robert Whittacres, constable there. Witn., Rob. Whittacre, Geo. Miller, Geo. Morton. (Puts himself.)

Francis Follilove of Misne, co. Lincoln, laborer, for stealing on 13 Oct., 1641, at Conisbrough, £11 2s. in money, and a gold ring, value 10s., the property of William Vawser. Witn., Wm. Vawser. (Puts himself, guilty, no chattels, a clerk, is burnt.)

That the king's highway leading between the towns of Norton Priorie<sup>1</sup> and Stubbswalden,<sup>2</sup> and likewise the bridge over the stream of Went, called Stubbridge bridge, are in great decay for lack of repair; and that the inhabitants of Norton and Stubbswalden ought to repair the said way and bridge. (At Barnesley, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), on the oath of W<sup>m</sup> Sheppard and W<sup>m</sup> Hudson, the penalty is exonerated.)

[191d] Thomas Spencer of Hooton Levit,<sup>3</sup> yeoman, for speaking publicly scandalous words to and concerning Anthony Stacie, *curator pacis*, and constable of Laughton in le Morthinge, viz. at Thurcliffe and at Rotheram, in the presence and hearing of divers liege subjects of the king, these English words following, to witt, "Thou art a bankrupt, roaguish, and knavishe constable," the occasion being that on the 31 May, 1641, the said Anthony Stacie, in the execution of his office, showed to one Master Mason, "lewetenante" (*primarius turme equitum*) to Thomas Pinchbacke, captain (*imperator*) of the aforesaid band of the horsemen, certain closes of pasture and meadow belonging to certain men inhabiting in Laughton, Hooton Levett, and Newhall grainge, in the constabulary and parish of

<sup>1</sup> Hamlet, in the parish of Campsall, Wapentake of Osgoldcross, Liberty of Pontefract, 7½ miles from Pontefract.

<sup>2</sup> In the parish of Womersley, Wapentake of Osgoldcross, Liberty of Pontefract, seven miles from Pontefract.

<sup>3</sup> In the parish of Maltby, Upper Division of Strafforth and Tickhill, five miles from Tickhill.

Laughton, amongst which he showed him certain closes of pasture and meadow of the said Thomas Spencer lying in Newhall Grange.

### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 186.] **Servants.** Upon the generall complainte of the inhabitantes of these partes, that servantes refuse to worke for reasonable wages, and cannot be hired for competent allowance as formerlye, makeing advantage of the much busines of the times, whereupon takeing into consideracon the many inconveniences that now doe and are like to arise therby, if some speedy course be not taken herein, and foras-much as the lawes and statutes of this realme have provided a sufficient remedie herein, which by the negligence or remisnes of the high constables is omitted, and not putt in execucon, ORDERED that the cheife constables at their keepeing of the Statutes for that purpose, and att the severall markett townes in their severall devisions, and other places convenient, shall proclayme the rates of servantes wages made at the last Easter Sessions, and see the same dulye observed according to the Statute,<sup>1</sup> and likewise shall proclayme the penaltye, both in maisters and servantes, that doe not observe the said lawes ; Further they are to give notice to all the pettye constables and others of the said dayes, and that they present such persons as shalbe found refractorye in not observeing therof, either in the master or servant, and all such persons to be apprehended and carried before the next justice of peace, to be bound to the next Sessions to answeare their contempt, and be further dealte with according to lawe and justice.

<sup>1</sup> See Statute, 5 Eliz., c. 4. " And be it further enacted that the Justices of the Peace of every Shire, Riding, etc., shall yearly at every General Sessions, first to be holden and kept after Easter, etc., assemble themselves together, and they (so assembled) calling unto them such discreet and grave persons of the said county, etc., as they shall think meet, and conferring together respecting the plenty or scarcity of the time and other circumstances necessarily to be considered, shall have authority, by virtue hereof, within the limits and precincts of their several commissions, to limit, rate, and appoint the wages, as well of such and so many of the said artificers, handicraftsmen, husbandmen, or any other labourer, servant, or workman, whose wages in time past hath been by any law or statute rated and appointed, as also the wages of all other labourers, artificers, workmen, or apprentices of husbandry, which have not been rated, as they, the same Justices, etc., shall think meet by their discretions to be rated, limited, or appointed by the year, or by the day, week, month, or otherwise, with meat and drink, or without meat and drink, and what wages every workman and labourer shall take by the *great* for mowing, reaping, or threshing of corn and grain, and for mowing of hay, or for ditching, paling, railing, or hedging by the rod, perch, *lugge*, yard, pole, *rope*, or foot, or for any other kind of reasonable labour or service."

By the "great," in the above, is signified "piece-work." "Lug" = a measure of 16½ ft. "Rope" = a measure of 20 ft. (Halliwell).



**The King's treasure.** [186*d*] Whereas itt appeareth unto this Cort by the oathes of severall petty constables, inhabiteing within the wapentacke of Osgoldcrosse, that they have disbursed and are out of purse, for conveying his Ma<sup>ties</sup> treasure northwards, the summe of thirtye nine pounds tenn shillings, which summe is arreare and due unto them, and the same by order of this Cort ought to be estreated upon the wapentackes of Staincrosse and Osgoldcrosse, by reason they joyne in all chardges, and the said severall constables, being nere the roade, have undertaken all those cariages and eased the remoter partes of both the said hundrethes, ORDERED that the said summe shalbe estreated upon the said wapentackes, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over by them of Staincrosse unto John Ward and Thomas Stile, high constables of Osgoldcrosse, to be paid over unto the said severall petty constables respectively, who formerly disbursed the same.

**Settlement.** [187] Whereas Richard Booker of the par. of St. George the Martir within the cittie of Canterburye, husbandman, is lately comed unto the par. of St. John's, near Laughton, and there desireth to reside and continue, haveing had noe legall setting or aboade there, but was last setled and remained at the cittye of Canterburye in the said par. of St. George the Martir by the space of fowre moneths last past before the 8 Sept. last, as appeareth by a certificate under the hands of William Whiteing, deputie, and Richard Juxon, common clerke, of that citie, and for that itt appeareth the said Richard Booker is noe wandring begger, ORDERED that the said Booker shalbe remaunded and sent backe unto the citie of Canterburye unto the said par. of St. George the Martir, there to be setled and remaine.

**Maintenance.** [187*d*] Whereas Christofer Urnie of Ecclesall birley, informeth this Cort that one George Hoyland, haveing married one Elizabeth Burrowes, daughter in lawe unto him the said Urnie, and since their intermarriage the said Elizabeth, haveing had two children yett liveing, the said Hoyland hath most wickedly diserted and absented himselfe from his said wife and children, leaveing them upon the said Urnie's chardge, he being not able to maintaine or provide for them, or being chardged to provide for them by lawe, ORDERED that the said Elizabeth Hoyland and her said children shalbe remaunded and sent unto her said husband, there to be provided for by him.

**Overseer's accounts.** For that itt was formerly ordered by this Cort that William Simpson, overseer of the poore for

the towne of Stainforth, in the par. of Hatefeild, shold accounte for the monyes by him received and disbursed in the execucon of his office before Nicholas Yarburghe, esq., one of the justices, giving notice unto them of Hatefeild to except against his accompt before Mr Yarburghe, or els the summe of fortye shillings to be levied upon him for his contempt, and itt is now informed that the said Simpson tendred an accounte before the said Mr Yarburghe, who doth not allowe and approve of the same, by reason the said inhabitantes of Hatefeild never had notice to make their legall excepcons against itt, ORDERED that the said Simpson shall forthwith pay and satisfie for the use of the poore of that parish the said summe of 40s. for his contempt, and shall further make an exact and just accompt before the said Mr Yarburghe within the space of a moneth next, the said inhabitantes or officeres of Hatefeild haveing notice to be there to prove and examine the same, as he will further answeare the contrarye.

**Alehouses.** [fol. 188] Whereas informacon is given unto this Cort upon oath, that John Scales of Brampton and William Chester of Cantley keepes very disordered alehowses and tiplinghowses, as alsoe entertaines men's servantes to tiple and game att cardes and other unlawfull games, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this realme, ORDERED that the now present constables of Brampton and Cantley shall, upon sight hereof, dischargdge the said Scales and Chester from brewing, or selling, ale or beare by the space of three yeares next ensueing, and if they shall contemptuously continue to sell ale or beare, then the said severall constables are, by vertue hereof, to convent them before some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, there to answeare the premisses, and to be dealt with all according to lawe, as alsoe this shalbe to authorishe and commaund the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there to levye and distreyne of the goodes of the said Scales and Chester, either of them, the summe of tenn shillings, for the use of the poore of the par. of Cantley, for keepeing such disordered alehowses, according to the Statute.

**Relief of poor.** Upon open heareing the differences depending betweene thinhabitantes of Wombwell and William Athye, an old blind man, aged fowrescore yeares and upwardes, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there shall pay the arreares of twelve pence weekly, formerly allowed unto him for his releife, and continue the payment thereof, untill they can showe good cause to the contrarye.



**Soldiers.** [188*d*] For that Andrew Wolfe and Phebus Addams, late soldieres in the company of Leiutennante Collonell Gibson of the regiment of Sir Thomas Culpepper, knt., in this last expedicon northwards, have since their disbanding laid sicke in Doncaster, and now are desirous to travile homewardes, ORDERED that a pasport shalbe made by the Cort for them peaceably and quiettly to passe and travile unto Launston in Cornwall, from thence they were pressed, without lett or hinderance, according to lawe.

**Arrears due to constable.** [fol. 189] Upon the peticon of George Bromiley of Kimberworth, who informeth this Cort that he, being late constable there, and haveing performed thexecucon of his office, is arreare and out of purse a valueable summe of moneys, and that divers of the inhabitantes there refuse to pay the layes and assessmentes, legally ymposed upon them, for that service, THIS CORT doth therfore intreat John Reresby, esq., one of the justices, to call the said partyes before him att his leysure and examine the truth of the premisses, and if any person or persons refuse to pay the said layes, soe legally ymposed upon them, then the said Mr. Reresby to take the said partyes bound by recognisance to answeare their contempt the next Sessions.

**Maintenance.** Whereas this Cort is informed that one Thomas Wilson of Kimberworth, an old man, is destitute of meanes to provide for himselfe, haveing a sonne, Thomas Wilson of Ecclesfeild, of a valueable and competent estate, who hath lately purchased lands, and is of abilitie to allowe and contribute towards the maintnance of his said father, if he be enjoyned by his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, as the lawe in that case doth appointe, ORDERED that the said Thomas Wilson, the sonne, shall allowe unto the said Thomas Wilson, the father, the summe of twelve pence monethly for and towards his releife and maintnance in this his decrepitt and infirme old age.

**High constable to account.** [189*d*] Upon informacon given unto this Cort that there is a summe of money in the hands of John Lambe, gent., late high constable for the wapentacke of Osgoldcrosse, which was rated and assessed upon that wapentacke for the setting forwardes of some soldieres pressed for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, ORDERED that the said Mr. Lambe shall attend upon Sir William Lister, knt., Sir Edward Rodes, knt., and Robert Rockley, esq., three of the justices, or any one of them, and accounte for the monyes by him collected and disbursed for that service, therupon course to be taken by them, or such of them in the accounte aforesaid that such arreares

as shalbe found to remaine in the handes of the said John Lambe shalbe paid to the constables and such other persons, to whome the same shall appeare to be due.

**Warrant to arrest.** [fol. 190] Whereas informacon is given unto this Cort upon oath by Thomas Ward of Stainton, gent., of divers and severall misdeameanours and felonies committed and done by William Roidhowse of Stainton, laborer, who hath absented himselfe and fledd out of this country by the space of two yeares last past, and now covertly is come backe to his howse at Stainton, where he concealeth himselfe, and keepeth a gunne chardged in his said howse, soe that none dare attempt to enter to arreast him, as alsoe that he standes indited and outlawed for the said felonies, ORDERED that a warrant be awarded out of this Cort to arreast and apprehend the bodye of the said Roydhowse, and him convent before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, there to be examined upon the premisses and to be dealte withall as to lawe and justice doth appertayne.

**The King's treasure.** Forasmuch as itt appeareth unto this Cort upon oath, that thinhabitantes of Doncaster have disbursed and are out of purse the summe of twenty seaven poundes thirteene shillinges six pence for conveying his Ma<sup>tes</sup> treasure into the north partes unto the armye there, the sixt parte wherof the said inhabitantes of Doncaster are by order of this Cort to pay, and the rest to be estreated upon the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, ORDERED that the remainder of that summe, being xxiiij*li.* js. iij*d.*, shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto John Farum, one of the chamberlaynes of Doncaster, to be disposed of unto those who formerly disbursed the same.

**Lame soldiers.** Upon readeing the peticon of James Jackson and Thomas Edeson, two old and infirme soldieres, ORDERED that the threasurer for lame soldieres shall give unto either of them five shillinges in reward.

**Hatfield assessments.** [190*d*] Upon open heareing the differences depending betweene the inhabitantes of Hatefeild and the owners and occupieres of Hatefeild parke, with the coppies there, in the par. of Hatefeild, about the rateing and assessing of the said parke and coppies, forasmuch as itt was formerly ordered att the last generall quarter sessions of peace holden at Rotheram, 19 July last, that the occupieres of that parcell of ground shold pay their rateable layes and assessmentes, soe legally imposed and assessed upon them, which hath not hitherto bene performed, ORDERED that a legall



assessment shalbe now made of that parcell of land, called Hatefeild parke, and coppies, proporconably according to their other layes and assessmentes there, at the discrecon of Roger Portington, esq., and Brian Cooke, gent., haveing a respect to the quantitye and qualitie of the acres there, and the assessmentes now already imposed upon them, which are arreare and unpaid; to be paid by the severall occupieres of those landes according to the contentes of the said former order, and quantitye and qualitie menconed in this order, at the discrecon of the said Mr. Portington and Mr. Cooke.

**Maintenance.** [fol. 191] Whereas Elizabeth Baxter of Bolton upon Dearne informeth this Cort that itt was formerly ordered that William Mallison of Wathe, who pretendeth himselfe to be her husband, shold pay towards the releife of the said Elizabeth and her sonne the summe of six poundes yearly, which hitherto hath not bene performed, or els that the churchwardens and overseeres of Bolton upon Dearne shold enter into the lands of the said Elizabeth, and receive the profittes thereof, and pay the same over unto her for the releife of herselfe and said sonne, ORDERED that the said churchwardenes and overseeres shall, upon sight hereof, shewe cause before some of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices why they have not entred into the said landes and accounted for the profittes therof, which they shold have received and paid over unto the said Elizabeth for the use aforesaid, and further a warrant *per curiam* is awarded against him, the said William Mallinson, to convent him before some of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices to answeare severall misdeameanoures objected against him by the said Elizabeth.

**Rawmarsh assessments.** [191d] Whereas William Dodgson of Rawmarshe informed this Cort that there is a great inequalitye in rateing and assessing their layes and assessmentes, because they now make all their layes and assessmentes according to the quantitye and qualitie of acres everye one occupies and enjoyes, the poorer sort being overburthened, because they enjoyeing but a few acres the number of them are certainlye knowne, and the richer sort enjoyeing much the quantitye of theires cannot certainlye be knowne, ORDERED that everye particuler inhabitant there shall deliver to the constable of Rawmarshe a true certificate of the number of acres he occupieth and enjoyeth, and if any be found to erre in that certificate, and to deliver in a false certificate of the number of acres he occupieth and enjoyeth, then the said landes to be surveyed at the chardge of the severall partyes soe offending, and therupon an equall assessment to be made according to the quantitye and qualitye

of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth, that the poore be not overburthened and the richer sort eased.

**The King's treasure.** [fol. 192] Whereas Richard Tompson, deputie unto Anthonye Goodwyne, gent., high constable of the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill, peticoned and informed this Cort that upon 12 Aug. last he received a warrant to provide for fiftene cariages against the next morneing for conveying his Ma<sup>tes</sup> treasure northwards, and being straitned of time was forced to chardge them upon the next adjoyneing constablaryes, and not upon the whole wapentacke, ORDERED that the severall constables, who were chardged with that service, shalbe convented before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices in the said wapentacke, there to give informacon upon oath of the chardge they have bene att about the said cariages, and then the said summe to be estreated upon the said wapentacke, and collected by the high constables there for the use aforesaid.

**Thorne bridge.** Whereas this Cort is informed of the great ruine and decay of the great bridge, commonly called Thurne bridge *als.* Turne bridge, in the wapentacke of Osgoldcrosse, being the high roade betweene the markett townes of Leedes, Wakefeild, and other westerne partes, unto the port towne of Kingston upon Hull, and other places in the co. of Lincolne, ORDERED that the summe of tenn poundes shalbe estreated upon this W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto the handes of John Riccard, gent., and Peter Haworth, who are desired by this Cort to see the same husbandly bestowed for the use aforesaid.<sup>1</sup>

### WETHERBIE.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 191.] General Sessions held at, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1641(-2), before John Goodricke, knight and baronet, Edward Stanhope, esq., Ingram Hopton, esq., George Marwood, esq., and Thomas Stockdale, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Robt. Inman of Bowthwaite grainge, gent., Edmund Browne of Marton, John Burneston, Peter Scagglethorp, Henry Dicconson, Thomas Catton, Thomas Hebden, John Battie, Thomas Skaife, George Wilks, W<sup>m</sup> Ingle, W<sup>m</sup> Broadbelt, Richard Hill, Richard Abbay, and Francis Atkinson.

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at this Court relate to Contempt of Court [187], Maintenance of poor [187(2), 188*d*, 189, 189*d*, 191*d*], Provision for bastard child [188, 190*d*], Provision of house-room [188*d*, 191], and Settlement [188*d*, 189*d*].



WHO PRESENT—George Wymbles of Kirkbie, carpenter, for stealing on 1 Dec., 1641, at Barrowbie, 10 pieces of firewood, value 6*d.*, the property of Benjamin Reyner. Witn., Rob. Reyner. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

W<sup>m</sup> Yeadon of Knaresbrough, clothier, and Jane his wife, for stealing there on 31 July, 1641, thirty yards of "hempen cloath," value 12*d.* per yard, the property of John Roundell. Witn., Rich. Norfolk, Marie Roundell. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

W<sup>m</sup> Wilson of Clynt, yeoman, for stealing at Knaresbrough, on 5 Dec., 1641, a piece of iron, value 16*d.*, the property of Robert Hill. Witn., Rob. Hill. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[191*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Horner and W<sup>m</sup> Wray of Beamesley, laborers, for stealing at Nesfeild on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1641, an ewe sheep, value 8*s.*, the property of Francis Hodgshon. Witn., Fra. Hodgshon, W<sup>m</sup> Guier. (At large.)

The same, for stealing at Nesfeild on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1640(–1), 24 bushells of oats, value £4, the property of Francis Hodgshon. Witn., Leo. Funtance. (At large.)

John Ingham of Rathmell, laborer, and Jennett his wife, for on 6 Dec., 1641, breaking and entering the close of Thomas Bancks at Giggleswick, and there taking away the wool from the bodies of seven sheep, his property, value 7*s.* Witn., Tho. Bankes. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

The same, for stealing at Giggleswick on the same day three sheep, value 20*s.*, the property of Thomas Bancks. Witn., Tho. Bankes. (Put themselves, he guilty to 6*d.*, is whipped, she not guilty.)

[fol. 192] Jennett Smyth of Earby, in the parish of Thornton, widow, for on the 30 Nov., 1641, assaulting and maltreating Christopher Wooller at Earby. Witn., Chr. Wooller. (Puts herself on the clemency of the Court, fine 2*s.* 6*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

John Towneley of Skipton, laborer, for on 20 Nov., 1641, breaking and entering the close of Stephen Walshe at Farnhill, and there taking and driving away 4 oxen, value £24, his property. Witn., Steph. Walshe. (At large.)

John Coldbecke of Thornton, woollen webster, for on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(–2), assaulting and maltreating at Ripley Peter Hardestie. Witn., Peter Hardestie. (Puts himself.)

John Hardestie of Fewston, woollen webster, Dorothe Hardestie of the same, spinster, and John Surr of Minskipp, laborer, for on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1641, assaulting and maltreating at

Killinghall John Browne and Peter Cooke. Witn., Jo. Browne, Peter Cooke, John Hardestie, and John Surr. (Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, fine taxed at 3s. 4*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[192*d*] John Browne of Killinghall, laborer, for assaulting there and maltreating John Hardestie on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1641. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Hardestie, Tho. Beeston. (Puts himself.)

John Theaker of Steeton, husbandman, for on the 20 Nov., 1641, committing perjury at Skipton, he being a witness produced on the part of Edmund Towneend, plaintiff, against W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell, W<sup>m</sup> Garforth, and others, in a plea of trespass depending in the Court of the Knight the Most Noble Henry, Lord Cumberland,<sup>1</sup> when he swore upon oath, administered to him by Chris<sup>r</sup> Tailer, gent., then Steward of that Court, that "Edmund Towneend the 28<sup>th</sup> of August last had three 'landes' in a close called Brady landes in Steeton," whereas in truth and fact he had no such landes in his possession at that time. Witn., Anth. Garforth, W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell. (At large.)

Thomas Coates of Greenehammerton, laborer, for on 12 Oct., 1641, at Hopperton unlawfully taking and driving away a cow, value 40s., the property of Robert Uskey. Witn., Tho. Husker. (Afterwards, at the day and place above named, came the said Thomas Coates in his own person, and on hearing the indictment says that he is in no way guilty thereof, and puts himself upon the country. Therefore let there be a jury thereon at the next General Sessions, etc.)

[fol. 193] Charles Elsley of Netherdale, gent., Marmaduke Frier of the same, yeoman, and Thomas Tophin of Hardcastle, laborer, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1641, assaulting and maltreating John Holmes at Netherdale, also for taking away a sword of his, value 20s. Witn., Jo. Holmes. (All at large. At Skipton, 12 July, 1642, they confess the indictment, the fine is taxed at 3s. 4*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

Nicholas Brotherton of Fewston, Frances his daughter, and John Dixon of the same, laborer, for on the 12<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, assaulting and maltreating there Wilfrid Skirrey. Witn., Wilf. Skirrey, Peter Atkinson. (At large. Confess, the fine of each 3s. 4*d.*, paid.)

Francis Gill of Ramsgill, laborer, for on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1641, assaulting John Holmes, deputy Bailiff of the wapentake of Claro, the said Gill being then in his custody arrested under a

<sup>1</sup> Henry Clifford, fifth Earl of Cumberland, K.B., Commander-in-Chief in Yorkshire for Charles I; born 1591-2; buried at Skipton, 31st Dec., 1643. (See *Extinct and Dormant Peerages*, by J. W. Clay, F.S.A.)



warrant of John Bucke, knight, then Sheriff of the county, by which assault he escaped from his custody and went at large. Witn., Jo. Holmes. (At large.)

[193*d*] Robert Towneend of Silsden, husbandman, for on the 20 Nov., 1641, committing perjury at Skipton, he being a witness produced on the part of Edmund Towneend, plaintiff, against W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell, W<sup>m</sup> Garforth, and others, in a plea of trespass pending in the Court of the Knight the Most Noble Henry, Earl of Cumberland, when he swore upon oath before Chris. Tailer, gent., then Steward of that Court, that "the bull (meaning a bull mentioned in the plea) on the 28<sup>th</sup> August last was taken from off the three landes which Edmund Towneend had in a feild called Brody landes in Steeton," whereas in truth and fact he had no such lands. Witn., Anth. Garforth, W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell. (At large.)

Jane Townend, wife of the above, for committing perjury on the same occasion by swearing that "the bull was kept in W<sup>m</sup> Garforth's possession six weeks and three daies," whereas in truth and fact the bull was never in his possession except for the space of 36 days. Witn., Anth. Garforth, W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell. (At large.)

[fol. 194] Richard Broadbelt of Coniston, husbandman, and W<sup>m</sup> Broadbelt of the same, laborer, for on the 24 Oct., 1641, at Grissington, breaking and entering the free park of the Most Noble Henry, Earl of Cumberland, called Girswood, and there with a handgun charged with powder and bullets killing and taking away a hind calf. Witn., Peeter Palmer, Jo. Robinson, Geo. Knipe, Steph. Brown. (At large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

W<sup>m</sup> Beecroft of Apletreweweke, wheelwright, and Thomas Beecroft of Girston, milner, for on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, assaulting and maltreating at Apletreweweke Peter Atkinson. Witn., Peter Atkinson. (At large. Both confess, the fine of each is taxed at 6*d*.)

That the king's highway within the township of Stainbeck Upper, in certain places called High Paddocke and Lower Uskey, is now in great decay for lack of repair, etc., and that Leonard Scott of Stainbeck Upper ought to repair the same. Witn., Leo. Bell. (A penalty of £20 is laid upon the said Leonard Scott that he sufficiently repair the same before the next Sessions after the Clause of Easter. Repaired, on the oath of Thomas Scott at Pontefract, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1642.)

[194*d*] George Marwood, esq., one of the justices, on his own knowledge presents that the king's highway leading

between the market town of Wetherbie and Bickerton is in great decay, etc., and that the inhabitants of the parish of Spofforth ought to repair it.

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**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 193.] **Mr. Beilby's layes.** Upon heareing and examineing the differences depending in this Cort betweene thinhabitantes of the towneship of Clifforth and William Beilby, esq., an inhabitant of that constablarye, about the payment of his, the said Mr. Beilbyes, layes to the constable there, ORDERED that the said Mr. Beilby shalbe dischargd of all layes and assessmentes imposed upon him in an arbitrarie waye, but shall pay such layes as he and his auncestoures have aunciently paid, and as he ought to pay by lawe, being, as this Cort conceiveth, a third part with them of Clifforth of all such chardges as come upon that towneshipp by precept from the high constable of Barkston to the petty constables there, and not otherwise.

**Hardestie v. Browne and others.** [193*d*] Upon heareing the differences depending betweene John Hardestie and John Browne and otheres, ORDERED, with consent of both partyes, that the said Hardestie shall pay and satisfie unto the said Browne the summe of vjs. viij*d*., in full satisfaccon of all chardges by him expended, and that the said Hardestie, Browne, Dorathy Hardestie, and John Surr shall seale generall releases one to another reciprocally.

**Hampsthwaite bridge.** Upon a certificate made unto this Cort by George Marwood, esq., and Ingram Hopton, esq., two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, that they thincke fitt the summe of twentye five poundes shold be allowed for the repaire of Hampsthwaite bridge out of the wapentacke of Claro, ORDERED that the said summe shalbe estreated upon the said wapentacke, and collected by the high constables there, and paid over unto Nicholas Yeoman and Thomas Pott for the repaire of the said bridge.

**Fewston bridge.** Whereas att the generall quarter sessions holden att Skipton, 9 July, 16 Chas. (1640), the bridge, commonly called Fuiston bridge, standing over a river called Washburne, in the par. of Fewston, was presented to be in great decay, and that thinhabitantes of the wapentacke of Claro ought to repaire the same, and for that itt appeareth unto this Cort by a certificate under the handes of the R<sup>t</sup> Ho<sup>ble</sup> Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, and Ingram Hopton, esq., two of the justices, who have veiued the same, and doe certifie that the summe of fortye five poundes will but build a bridge there, ORDERED that for



the present the summe of twentye poundes shalbe allowed towards the repaire of the said bridge, and collected within the wapentacke of Claro by the high constables there, and paid over unto the handes of John Banister, gent., William Hardestie, William Thorpe, and Josua Smithson, who are desired by this Cort to see the same monies frugally bestowed about the same.

**Coining.** [fol. 194] Whereas William Warwicke of Knaresbroughe standes committed to his Ma<sup>tes</sup> gaole, the castle of Yorke, for suspicion of coineing, and Richard Bell of Knaresbroughe, Roberte Hill of the same, and Francis Hanson of the citie of Yorke, have comed before his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace in this generall quarter sessions of peace, and there entred recognisance that the said Warwicke shall personally appeare at the next Assizes and generall gaole deliverie to be holden at the Castle of Yorke for the county of Yorke, then and there to answear the premisses, ORDERED that a *liberate* be directed to the now Sheriffe for to release thesaid Warwicke.

**Lame soldier.** [194d] For that itt appeareth unto this Cort that one Roberte Wright of Grafton, a soldier being prest for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service at Barwicke, was there lamed, and is not able to labour or worke as formerly, THIS CORT doth therfore intreat his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, att the next generall quarter sessions of peace to be holden at Pontefracte, to take into consideracon the said Robert Wright, and allowe such pencon towards his releife as they in their discrecon shall thincke fitt.

**Alehouse.** Forasmuch as this Cort is informed, that one Nicholas Brotherton of Fewston keepeth a disordered alehouse or tipling howse in Fewston, contrary to the forme of the Statute, ORDERED that the now constable there shall, by vertue hereof, dischargd the said Brotherton for keepeing alehouse or tipling howse by the space of three yeares now next comeing.

**Fire.** Forasmuch as this Cort is informed by certificate from thinhabitantes of Nunmonckton, that Thomas Marshall, Roger Watson, John Dalton, and Issabell Dalton, widow, all of Nunmonckton, being poore people, yett by their small stocke and their owne endeavoures and labour they maintained themselves, their wives, and children in a competent manner, and were not burthensome unto their neighboures, untill upon 12 Dec. last past there hapened in the night time a fearfull and lamentable fire in the dwelling howses of the said persons, which consumed and burnt them downe to the ground, together with all their houshold stuffe, amountheing in the whole to a great summe of money, to the utter ruine and decay of the said poore

people, the said John Dalton's wife being then in childbedd, and forced to leave her bedd and runne out of the house, THIS CORT doe intreat the severall ministeres of the severall churches and chappells of the severall parishes in the said W.R. to publish the contentes hereof upon some Lordes day in their severall churches and chappells, and the churchwardens then to collect, etc., towards the releife of the said poore people, etc.

**Passport.** [fol. 195] Whereas Jane Harison of the par. of Dalston, in the co. of Cumberland, spinster, petitioned and desired this Cort that they wold be pleased to make her a passport to travile unto Dalston, where she was borne, that she might escape the danger of the lawe in her travile thither, ORDERED that the said Harison may be at libertie to travile unto Dalston without lett or hinderance, and doe assigne her the space of twentie dayes for her travile thither, and if she be in necessitie, then the severall constables the direct way to Dalston to take care to convey her forwards, and releive her as her necessities shall require.

**Arrears due to constable.** Upon readeing over the certificate of thinhabitantes of the par. of Carleton in Craven, who certifie that one Henry Gill and John Woodworth, being late constables there, have accompted for the monies by them received and disbursed, and that one Thomas Benns, Thomas Scott, Dorathy Scott, and Jane Scott, being inhabitantes there, refuse to pay such layes as were legally imposed upon them for that service, and that divers inhabitantes in Lothersden, within that constablarye, refuse to serve the office of constable for that towneshipp, which this Cort conceiveth they ought to doe by lawe, THIS CORT doth therfore intreat two of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace next adjoyneing unto Carleton to examine the accomptes of the said Henry Gill and John Woodworth, and to confirme the same, and doth further order that the now constable there shall arreast the said Thomas Benns, Thomas Scott, Dorathy Scott, and Jane Scott, and them convent before some of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices there to answeare their severall contemptes in refusing to pay the said layes, and further that the said inhabitantes of Lothersden shall conforme themselves to serve the office of constable there, as by lawe they ought, or els shewe cause to the contrary the next quarter sessions of peace.

**Alehouses.** [195d] Forasmuch as this Cort is informed that William Skarth and Richard Ustonson of Ingleton have, since Easter last, kept very disordered alehowses, contrary to the forme of the Statute, ORDERED that the said William Skarth and



Richard Ustonson shall forthwith find suerties for their good behaviour, and to appeare at the next generall quarter sessions of peace to be holden at Skipton, then and there to answeare the premisses, and a warrant to be awarded to levye the penaltie of the lawe upon them as delinquentes.<sup>1</sup>

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WAKEFEILD.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 195.] General Sessions held at, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1641(-2), before John Ramsden, knight, John Savile, knight, John Kay, esq., Francis Nevile, esq., and John Farrer, esq., Justices.

JURORS—Robert Anbye, gent., Tymothy Dynison, gent., Thomas Brooke, gent., James Pearson, W<sup>m</sup> Liversedge, W<sup>m</sup> Pollard, Thomas Greene, Zakarias Collier, John Wade, Thomas Wawde, W<sup>m</sup> Lister, Samuel Netherwood, John Parkinson, Joseph Feild, and Nathan Dixon.

WHO PRESENT—Christopher Bland of Walton, laborer, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1641, a coverlet, value 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>., the property of Samuel Lockwood. Witn., Sam. Lockwood. (Puts himself, guilty to 10<sup>d</sup>., no chattels, is whipped.)

Thomasine Smyth of Kighley, spinster, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), a pair of sheets, value 10s., the property of James Browne. Witn., confession. (Puts herself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Robert Wood of Rastreicke, laborer, for stealing there on the last day of Feb., 1640(-1), a wether sheep, value 8s., the property of Richard Ramsden, gent. Witn., Jo. Rainsley, Hester Crowder. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

[195<sup>d</sup>] W<sup>m</sup> Firth of Knottingley, laborer, and Frances his wife, for stealing on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), at Tanshelfe, a "lynen" cloth value 6<sup>d</sup>., 2 falling bands (*indumenta linei*) value 3<sup>d</sup>., 2 pair of cuffs (*carac'*) value 2<sup>d</sup>., and a cap value 6<sup>d</sup>., the property of Samuel Saltonstall, gent. Witn., Sam. Saltonstall, W<sup>m</sup> Hanley. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Robert Hopkinson of Bradford, laborer, and Robert Swaine of Great Horton, clothier, for taking and carrying away there on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1641, twelve pounds of wool, value 12s., the property of John Preistley. Witn., Jo. Preistley, Susan Collinson, Richard Wadsworth. (Put themselves.)

Robert Fishe of Foulby, collier, for on 5 Nov., 1641, assaulting and maltreating at Sharleston Nicholas Morton. Witn.,

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at this Court relate to Maintenance of poor [194], Provision for bastard child [193], and Settlement [194].

Nich. Morton, Ja. Jubb, Rob. Madome. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine 20s., estreated.)

[fol. 196] Edward Burley of Bowling, laborer, for on 20 Dec., 1641, at Bradford, assaulting and maltreating John Walker. Witn., Jo. Walker. (At large.)

Robert Kay of Holmfirth, laborer, for on 24 Nov., 1641, at Shelley, taking and driving away a cow, value 40s., belonging to George Feild. Witn., Jo. Cockill. (Confesses, his fine is taxed at 6*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Frances Farrer, wife of Samuel Farrer of Hallifax, husbandman, for on 12 Oct., 1641, unlawfully killing on Hallifax Moore a gray mare, value £5, belonging to Henry Riley. Witn., Rob. Crowther, Hen. Riley. (At large. At Wakefeild, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, puts herself on the clemency of the Court, fine 2s.)

Thomas Firth of Gawthorpp, wood collier, for on 1 Dec., 1641, breaking and entering the park of the Most Noble Thomas, Viscount Savile, called Wakefeild new parke, and taking away a wain load of cord wood (*ligni carbon*), value 20s., his property. Witn., Jo. Spurr, Daniell Simpson, Joseph Philipp. (Puts himself.)

[196*d*] The same for on the 8<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1641, assaulting and maltreating Richard Fearnley at Gawthorpe against the recognizance by him entered into on the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1641, before John Savile, knight, one of the justices, for his appearance at the next General Sessions, and in the meantime for good behaviour especially towards the said Richard Fearnley. Witn., Joseph Armitage, Ric. Fearnley, Geo. Hill. (Puts himself.)

Gregory Castlehouse of Harteshead, laborer, for on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1641-2, at Liversedge, assaulting and maltreating Robert Walker. Witn., Rob. Walker. (At large.)

Robert Gleadhill, junior, of Hallifax, butcher, for on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641-2, assaulting and maltreating there William Thomas. Witn., Will. Thomas. (At large.)

[fol. 197] John Haighe of Quarmby, W<sup>m</sup> Haighe of Hothersfeild, and James Haighe of the same, yeomen, for on 3 Jan., 1641-2, assaulting and maltreating John Dawson at Hothersfeild. Witn., Jo. Dawson. (At large. At Pontefract, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, they confess the indictment, and the fine is taxed at 12*d.* each, estreated.)

Jervase Bosevile of Lotherton, husbandman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1641, entering a messuage and one acre of land there in the peaceful possession of William Plant, gent., ejecting him therefrom, and keeping him so ejected to this day. Witn., Will. Plant, gent. (At large.)



John Horsfall, otherwise Swallowe, of Hothersfeild, collier, for on the 2 Jan., 1641(-2), at Huddersfeild, assaulting and maltreating George Sikes and Anne his wife. Witn., Will. Sikes, Geo. Sikes, Ann Sikes. (Puts himself.)

[197*d*] Henry Roades of Leeds, clothier, and W<sup>m</sup> Dison of the same, butcher, for on the 10 Nov., 1641, at Stanley, assaulting and maltreating Robert Scott. Witn., Rob. Kelshawe, Will. Wood, Hen. Roe, Rob. Scott. (Roades puts himself; Dison puts himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine is taxed at 6s. 8*d.*, estreated.)

Richard Beamont of Mirfeild, esq., Robert Ledgerd, John Holdesworth, Henry Goodall, George Thornton, and John Naylor, all of the same, yeomen, for on the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, assaulting and maltreating there John Hall, jun<sup>r</sup>. Witn., Jo. Hall, sen<sup>r</sup>, Jo. Hall, jun<sup>r</sup>, Phill. Holdsworth. (All at large. At Wakefeild, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, confess the indictment, the fine is taxed at 12*d.*, estreated.)

Robert Fearneley of Wyke, milner, for on the 28 Dec., 1641, assaulting and maltreating there Philip Holdsworth. Witn., Phillip Holdsworth, Jo. Fawcett, Will. Blakeley. (At large.)

Robert Speight of Wakefeild, tailor, for on 29 Dec., 1641, assaulting and maltreating there John Lee. Witn., Tho. Wood, Jo. Lee. (Confesses, his fine is taxed at 12*d.*, paid Sheriff, estreated.)

[fol. 198] Edward Mitchell of Thurleston, yeoman, for on 23<sup>d</sup> May, 1641, breaking and entering a close there of Ralph Saunderson's, and beating, taking, and driving away two cows, value £8, his property, whereby one of them died. Also for assaulting and maltreating Agnes Saunderson. Witn., Agnes Saunderson, Abr. Saunderson, Rob. Chappell. (Puts himself.)

Ralph Constable of Brayton, gent., for on the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1641, assaulting and maltreating there Thomas Morritt. Witn., Rob. Walker, Isab. Walker, Tho. Morritt. (At Pontefract, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, puts himself on the clemency of the Court, the fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, estreated.)

Henry Simpson of Stanley, laborer, and Henry Ludlove of the same, yeoman, for on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641-2, assaulting and maltreating there W<sup>m</sup> Broomehead. (At large.)

Richard Jackson of Bingley, husbandman, for on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1641, at Gomersall, assaulting and maltreating W<sup>m</sup> Mortman. Witn., Rob. Norton, Mary Norton, Will. Mortman. (At large.)

[198*d*] W<sup>m</sup> Shawe of Hothersfeild, yeoman, Robert Roberts of the same, yeoman, Henry Taylor, John Horsfall, and George Batley of the same, for on the 2<sup>d</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), assaulting and maltreating there Samuel Dobson. Witn., Sam. Dobson. (All at large. Shawe confesses, the fine is taxed at 2s. 6*d.*, estreated. Roberts confesses, fine 6*d.*)

That a watercourse (*fossata*) in a lane (*venella*) within the parish of Dewsburie in the king's way there leading between the water of Calder and a piece of waste called Dewsbury Moore, is now filled with mud, and is turned out of its ancient course, so that the water flowing there overfloweth the land near adjacent, to the grievous damage of Robert Bedford, gent., and other inhabitants of Dewsburie who occupy lands near. Also that Robert Barber of Dewsbury and Thomas Awtie of the same ought to cleanse the watercourse. Witn., Rob<sup>t</sup> Bedford, Tho. Sharpp. (At large. The said Robert Barber is exonerated because John Savile, knight, certifies that the way is repaired.)

A penalty of £10 is laid upon the inhabitants of the parish of Sandall that they sufficiently repair the king's highway leading in a place called Sandall Parke side to the town of Sandall, and so to the market town of Wakefeild Bridge end, which is now in great ruin, before the close of Easter. Fran. Nevile, esq., one of the justices.

[fol. 199] John Awdesley of Bentley in Emley, gent., for on the 14<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, at Clayton, breaking and entering the dwelling house of Andrew Heighholme, grievously assaulting him and Elizabeth his wife, and taking away a wood "kann," value 10*d.*, his property. Witn., Eliz. Heigham, Edw. Hawsforth. (Puts himself.)

#### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 196.] **Birstall Church bridge.** Whereas thinhabitantes of the towneshipp of Liversedge, within the parish of Birstall, informed this Cort, that itt was ordered at the last Sessions holden att Wakefeild, that thinhabitantes of the said parish of Birstall shold repaire a bridge, commonly called the Church bridge, lyeing in Birstall, and the said inhabitantes of Liversedge doe now alleadge that they are willing to contribute with them of Birstall in repaire of the said bridge, conditionally that they will contribute with them of Liversedge in repaire of two severall bridges within their towneshipp, which this Cort conceiveth to be reasonable, and doth order the same accordinglye.



**Hired servant.** Upon heareing and examineing the differences depending betweene Josuah Clay of Linley and Elizabeth Mallinson his servant, forasmuch as itt appeareth that the said Elizabeth Mallinson is now hired servant unto the said Josuah Clay, ORDERED that the said Mallinson shall remaine and continue in the service of the said Josuah Clay dureing her yeare, as the Statute in that case doth appoint.

**License to kill meat.** Upon consideracon taken of the necessities and use of sicke people and others that are weake and infirme, his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace here assembled doe allowe, as much as in them lyeth, Thomas Rawson and William Cawthorne to kill and dresse flesh this time of lent next ensuing for the use aforesaid.

**Plague.** [196*d*] Upon a peticon preferred unto this Cort by thinhabitantes of Thornhill, in the towneshipp of Clifton, who have bene visited with the contagious disease of the plauge, which as is affirmed is not safe, but that itt is feared that the said disease is dispersed and broken out in some houses there, and that divers howses, which have bene infected, are not yett cleansed, but that severall parcells of goods still remaine in severall howses there, which was in the said howses when they were infected, ORDERED that if the owners of the said goods will not be at chardge to cleanse the said houses, nor take care of the goodes therein, that the constable of Clifton, with the assistance of some of thinhabitantes there, may be at libertie to burne the said goods, and for releife of the said persons, who have bene restrained of their libertie, they are referred to John Kay, esq., Thomas Thornhill, and Abraham Sunderland, esquires, three of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, to allowe them what proporcon they shall thincke fitt out of the moneys formerly allowed and estreated upon the said W.R. for the releife of the visited people there and other places nere adjacent, and alsoe to take care of a competent provision for those who are now att this present infected.

**Crofton assessments.** Whereas itt was formerly ordered at the last generall quarter sessions holden at Pontefract, 4 May last past, that all layes and assessmentes within the constablarye of Crofton shold be rated and assessed thenceforth according to the quantitie and qualitie of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth, at the discrecon of Richard Johnson, thelder, Thomas Moore, thelder, William Feild, and Mathew Duffan, ORDERED that the said order be confirmed, and the constable of Crofton is hereby authorised to arreast and convent all such persons as shall refuse to pay all such layes,

as are now or shalbe rateably assessed upon them, before some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, there to answeare their contempts in the premisses.

**Houseroom.** [fol. 197] Upon the peticon of John Renshawe of Midleshitlington, who informeth this Cort that he, haveing bene setled, and served as an apprentice by the space of seaven yeares, and since that time continued in that towneship as journeyman the space of two yeares and upwards, hath lately married a wife out of Flockton, both the said townes being in the parish of Thornhill, and is now destitute of houseroome and harbour for himselfe and his said wife, THIS CORT conceiveth that the said Renshawe is noe poore within the Statute to be provided for, and therefore doth order that the said Renshawe may be at libertie to provide himselfe a howse either in Flockton or Midleshitlington, or any other place, he payeing rent for the same.

**Alehouse.** Upon certificate made unto this Cort by thinhabitanes of the parish of Highhoyland, that one Andrew Highholme of Clayton keepeth a disordered alehowse, to the great disquiett and vexacon of all his neighboures, ORDERED that the said Highholme shalbe dischardged from keepeing an alehowse or tipling howse by the space of three yeares by the constable there, and if he doe continue to brue, or sell, ale or beare hereafter, then by vertue hereof the constable of Hoyland shall arreast and convent the said Highholme before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, there to be punished according to the Statute.

**Nonpayment of assessments.** [197d] Whereas this Cort is informed by the high constable of the wapentacke of Barkston that the severall pettie constables of Wistowe, Birkin, Hillome, and Burton Salmon doe refuse to pay such moneys, as are rateably imposed and assessed upon them for releife of the poore visited people at Hipperholme and other places, as alsoe for the provision of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> most hoble houshold, ORDERED that a warrant be awarded out of this Cort against the said severall pettie constables to convent them before some of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace, there to answeare the premisses, and to be further dealte with as to lawe and justice shall appertaine.

**Wadsworth constable layes.** Whereas itt was formerly ordered at the last generall quarter sessions holden at Wakefeild, 22 July last past, that Robert Thomas, the yonger, and otheres, thinhabitanes of the constablarye of Wadsworth, shold pay such constable layes as are arreare and behind unto James Harwood, late constable there. as appeareth more



at large by the contentes of the said order, forasmuch as this Cort is informed that William Greenwood, thelder, of Wadsworth, Joseph Heliwell, Abraham Stansfeild and Sara Greenwood of the same, being all parties to the said order, doe contemptuously refuse to performe the same and pay the said arreares, ORDERED that a warrant be awarded against the said severall partyes to convent them before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, there to enter recognisance for their personall appearance at the next generall quarter sessions, and in the meane time to be of good behaviour, and then and there to answeare the premisses.

**Wakefield constable.** Forasmuch as William Robinson of Wakefeild Kirkgate informeth this Cort, that he, being chosen constable for that constablarye, liveth out of the towne and remote, soe that he cannot attend the execucon of that office, ORDERED that the said Robinson shalbe dischargd of that office, and that some other able and fitt mann be chosen to performe that service.

**Birstall church bridge.** [fol. 198] Whereas itt was formerly ordered at the last generall quarter sessions holden at Wakefeild, 7 Oct. last past, that thinhabitantes of the parish of Birstall shall pay and rate an equall assessment within their parish of the summe of tenn pounds, for the repaireing of a bridge, commonly called Birstall church bridge, and collected by the pettye constables there to be imployed for the repaire of the said bridge, now forasmuch as this Cort is informed that Richard Beamont, John Brooke, William Brooke, and John Brooke, being inhabitantes of that parish, doe contemptuously refuse to pay their equall and proporconable rates of the said assessments, ORDERED that a warrant be awarded to convent the said severall persons before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, there to enter recognisance for their personall appearance at the next Sessions, etc., and there to answeare their contempt.

**Carriages.** [198*d*] Upon heareing thinhabitantes of the constablarye of Walton, vidlt., Bartholemew Burdett, gent., William Pell, Robert Browne, Thomas Robinson, Thomas Wright, and John Barker, who informe that there is arreare unto them the summe of three poundes eleaven shillings in carryeing and recarryeing his Ma<sup>tes</sup> provision and houshold stuffe these two last expedicons northwards, ORDERED that the now constable of Walton shall forthwith, out of his constable laye, pay and satisfie unto the said severall persons the said summe, to be rated and proporconed amongst them according to the chardges by them formerly expended in that service,

and that William Pell shalbe answearable and accountable for the summe of thirtye shillings, which he detaynes in his handes since he was constable there, for the chardge by him expended for the service aforesaid.

**Yeadon assessments.** [fol. 199] Whereas itt was formerly ordered at the generall quarter sessions of peace holden at Wakefeild, 22 July last past, upon heareing the differences depending betweene Henry Thompson, esq., and thinhabitantes of Yeadon, touching the payment of his layes for his Maties service, that an assessment shold be made of the old and new improved lands within the said constablarye, and whereas Henry Johnson, gent., and William Midgley, two of the referrees, have certified this Cort, that in obedience of the said order, they, together with James Sagar, mett at the house of Robert Briggs to pursue the contentes of the said order, but cold not performe the same, because Richard Brighowse was then absent, and certaine suites since are stirred up amongst the parties to that order, ORDERED, with the consent of the said Mr. Tompson, that the said suites shalbe stayed, and the said Henry Johnson, James Sagar, William Midgley, and William Brookesbancke are desired by this Cort to meete and rate an assessment, according to the contentes of the said former order, and make certificate unto this Cort of their proceedings therein the next Sessions, that the same may be confirmed accordinglye, and in the meane time the constable layes there to be paid, as they have bene formerly before this present Sessions.

**License to kill meat.** Upon consideracon taken of the necessities and use of sicke people and others that are weake and infirme, his Maties justices of peace here assembled doe allowe, as much as in them lyeth, Lawrence Cawthorne and Thomas Norfolke to kill and dresse fleshe this time of Lent next ensueing for the use aforesaid.

**Refusal to distrain.** [199d] Forasmuch as complainte is made unto this Cort that Francis Stockes, churchwarden of Thornes in Stanley, refuseth to distraine for the moneys assessed upon the inhabitantes there for releife of the poore of the parish of Wakefeild according to the Statute, ORDERED, that if he doe not answeare for soe much moneys as he is chardged with in his assessment to the use aforesaid, then he to be bound to the good behaviour.

**Relief of poor.** Upon readeing the peticon of Merian Ingle, a poore old woman of Wakefeild, ORDERED, in regard she keepes the keyes of the prisonn and attendeth the prisoners in the kidd coate, that the severall constables there shall allowe



her the summe of seaven shillinges six pence yearly, vidlt. each of them two shillinges six pence, which wilbe allowed them againe upon their accountes.

[NOTE.]—The other Orders made at these Sessions were for provision of houseroom [197]; Settlement [198]; Bastardy [198*d*, 205].

### BARNSLEY.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 200] General Sessions held at, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1641–2, before Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, John Reresby, esq., William West, esq., Robert Rockley, esq., Thomas Jopson, esq., and John Mauliverer, esq., Justices.

JURORS—William Wordsworth, gent., George Beamont of Darton, gent., John Blackburne, Robert Chappell, Richard Tyas, W<sup>m</sup> Wharam, Thomas Tailer, W<sup>m</sup> Hall, W<sup>m</sup> Watson, Henry Pickeringe, James Croft, Richard Hawkesworth, Francis West, Richard Hoyland, and Henry Ellis.

WHO PRESENT—Edward Popleton of Cowicke, laborer, for stealing there on 20 Dec., 1641, a “turkie cocke” (*turconem*), value 8*d*., the property of Gervase Thornburgh. Witn., Thurston Denby, Ger. Thornburgh. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Elizabeth Helliwell of Wentworth, spinster, for stealing at Houghton on 10 Oct., 1641, “a hatt, a wastcoate, an apron,” value altogether 3*s*. 4*d*., the property of John Shawe. Witn., Eliz. Shawe. (At large.)

Thomas Speight of Ardesley, husbandman, for stealing at Darfeild on 1 July, 1641, eleven sheep, value 4*s*. each, the property of someone unknown. Witn., Tho. Surleby. (At large.)

Anne Norton of Thurne, spinster, for stealing there on 31 Dec., 1641, a hat, a petticoat, a waistcoat, a pair of “showes,” value altogether 18*s*., the property of Thomas Stringer. Witn., Tho. Stringer. (Puts herself, guilty to 10*d*., no chattels, is whipped.)

[200*d*] Godfrey Wood of Firbecke, laborer, for stealing there on 20 Dec., 1641, a wether sheep, value 5*s*., the property of Francis Ellis. Witn., Fr. Ellis, Jo. Hopkinson. (At large.)

Thomas Roe of Burton, co. Lincoln, laborer, for stealing on 1 Dec., 1641, at Thrighbargh, £7 in money belonging to John Reresby, esq. Examinations. (Puts himself, guilty, no chattels, a clerk, is burnt.)

Ellen Shawe of Ecclesfeild, spinster, for stealing there on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641-2, two pewther dublers, value 2s. 8*d.*, and a salt seller, value 8*d.*, the property of George Hobson. Witn., James Nell, Godfrey Cowper, Geo. Hobson. (Puts herself, guilty to 6*d.*, no chattels.)

Edward Robinson and John Robinson, jun<sup>r</sup>, both of Barnesley, laborers, for stealing there on 6 Dec., 1641, two burthens of hay, value 2s., the property of Henry Whittington. Witn., Rich. Hinchcliffe. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Roger Genn, sen<sup>r</sup>, of Worsbroughdale, husbandman, for taking and carrying away there on 5 Dec., 1641, one measure of coal, value 1*d.*, the property of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart. Witn., Jo. Dronfeild. (At large.)

[fol. 201] James Worsnam of Houndsfeild, co. Derby, gent., John Drable of the same, husbandman, and Thomas Hediley of Savile hall in Dodworth, yeoman, for on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, unlawfully assembling at Hunshelfe, breaking and entering the park and free warren of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., called the New park, and there hunting a hare with hounds, killing and taking it away. Witn., Tho. Moseley, Jo. Woodcocke, Eph. Birkinshaw. (All at large. The said Thomas Hediley at Rotheram, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 20s.)

Peter Jackson of Waleswood, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 12 Jan., 1641-2, Henry Farrer, against the recognisance entered into before W<sup>m</sup> West, one of the Justices, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> previous. Witn., Peter Edson, Tho. Kirke. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

John Burley of Ewes, co. York, yeoman, for on the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1638-9 (*sic*), breaking and entering the free chase or park of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., called the New Parke at Hunshelfe, and hunting with dogs and guns two deer there. Witn., Chris. Whitley, Tho. Ayre, W<sup>m</sup> Parkin. (At large.)

[201*d*] John Lyndley, W<sup>m</sup> Lindley, and Robert Hirst, all of Dodworth, woodcolliers, for on 28 Dec., 1641, at Worsbrough, assaulting and maltreating John Perrie. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Robinson, Jo. Perrye, Jervase Ellison. (At large. At Pontefract, 19 April, 1642, put themselves on the clemency of the Court, fine 6s. 8*d.*, estreated.)

Thomas Justice of Carr houses in Stainton, yeoman, for on 26 Oct., 1641, he being then Constable there, refusing to search with a hue and cry for W<sup>m</sup> Roidhouse, John Munforth, and other persons, suspected of certain felonies and burglary committed at East Retford, in co. Nottingham, he being



unwilling to perform his office of Constable. Witn., Martin Square, Chas. Winter. (Puts himself, not guilty.)

Edward Hudson of Bradfeild, yeoman, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1640-1, having newly converted an ancient house into a cottage for the habitation of Roger Castle without having assigned to that cottage 4 acres of land to be continuously occupied therewith. Witn., Edm. Hobson, Jo. Slater. (At large. Puts himself.)

[fol. 202] John Hobson, Percivall Hobson, Thomas Hedeley of Dodworth, yeomen, (*blank*) Senior of the same, gent., John Cooke of Oxspring, Roger Woodcocke of Ingbirchworth, Francis Hammerton of Bretton, Hanlett Rudston of Oxspringe, Richard Ibbotson of Peniston, John Coldwell, sen<sup>r</sup>, and John Coldwell, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Catthall, W<sup>m</sup> Tynley of Dodworth, yeomen, and George Earneshaw of Peniston, husbandman, for on the 18 Oct., 1641, unlawfully assembling at Hunshelfe, and there breaking and entering the close and free warren of the most noble Elizabeth, Countess of Devon,<sup>1</sup> chasing with dogs, and killing and carrying away two hares. Witn., Jo. Robucke, Daniell Moakson, Jo. West. (All at large. The aforesaid John Hobson, Percival Hobson, Thomas Hediley, John Cooke, Roger Woodcocke, John Coldwell, sen<sup>r</sup>, John Coldwell, jun<sup>r</sup>, and W<sup>m</sup> Tinley at Rotheram, 18 July, 1642, before the Justices of the Peace there put themselves separately upon the clemency of the Court, and the fine of each is taxed at (*blank*). Therefore let them be taken.)

W<sup>m</sup> White of Sheffield, sheather, Alice White his wife, Henry Jackson of the same, waller, and Mary his wife, John Towne of Blithe, in co. Nott., laborer, and Thomas Wade of Wiston, yeoman, for on the 10 Dec., 1641, unlawfully assembling at Sheffield, and entering 2 messuages with the appurtenances in the peaceful possession of John Creswicke, of Hackenthorp, in co. Derby, George Lee and Sarah his wife, Christopher Greene and Elizabeth his wife, forcibly expelling them therefrom, and keeping them so expelled to this day. Witn., Chr. Greene, Jo. Creswicke, Rob. Stainforth, Jo. Hobson, Jo. Robinson, Chr. Stocks, Geo. Lee, Jo. Lee. (All at large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

[202d] Gregorie Danbie of Doncaster, yeoman, for that on the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1640, being then a bailiff to John Bucke,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Apparently the widow of William Cavendish, created Earl of Devonshire in 1615, whose first wife was Anne, daughter of Henry Kighley, of Keighley, Esq., and whose second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Broughton, of Causton, co. Warwick, Esq. The earl, her husband, died 10th March, 1625. [*Debrett.*]

<sup>2</sup> Of Filey. High Sheriff of the county, 1640.

knight, Sheriff of Yorkshire, he did under colour of his office demand and extortionately take from Samuel Vaupanie, esq., £18 for executing a writ directed to him, when in truth and fact no kind of fee was due. Witn., Edw. Holland, clerk, Jo. Hewytt. (At large.)

Francis Mawde, yeoman, William Oxley, blacksmith, and Thomas Harper, all of Ardesley, for assaulting and maltreating on 18 Jan., 1641(-2), at Barnesley Henry Birkinshaw. Witn., Isab. Reynolds, Geo. Swinden. (All at large. At Pontefract, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, W<sup>m</sup> Oxley and Tho. Harper confess the indictment, fine 2s. Francis Mawde puts himself.)

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### Orders.

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 200.] **Kimberworth assessments.** Whereas John Wainewright, now constable of Kimberworth, and George Bromiley, late constable there, informed this Cort that there are divers persons behind and arreare in their layes the last yeare for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, and alsoe that divers persons, who inhabite in Rotheram and occupie and enjoye landes in that constablarye of Kimberworth, doe contemptuously refuse to pay their constable layes, contrary to all equitie and justice, ORDERED that the said Wainewright shall distreine for all such arreares as are behinde and due for the last yeare, and if any person or persons, who occupie and enjoye any lands in Kimberworth and inhabite in Rotheram, doe refuse to pay their said constable layes, then the said partyes to this order to be by vertue hereof convented before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, there to answeare their contemptes in the premisses, and to be further dealt with as to lawe and justice shall appertaine.

**Tankersley assessments.** Forasmuch as William Clerke, late constable of Tankersley, informeth this Cort that there are divers persons of that constablarye behind and arreare unto him in severall summes for their constable layes, amounting in the whole to the summe of five markes or therabouts, which they refuse to pay, ORDERED that if any the said inhabitants of Tankersley shall upon sight hereof refuse to pay the said arreares, then by vertue hereof the now constable there to convent the said partyes before Sir Francis Wortley, kt. and bt., one of the justices, there to answeare the premisses, and to be further dealt withall as to lawe and justice shall appertaine.

**Apprentice.** [200d] Whereas Thomas Rawson, sonne of William Rawson of Darfeild, being putt as a poore apprentice unto Walter Stonehowse, clerke, parson of Darfeild, by the



churchwardens and overseeres of the poore there, with the consent and approbacon of two his Mat<sup>ies</sup> justices of peace, forasmuch as the said Thomas Rawson hath not onely runne away out of his said masteres service, but hath otherwayes misbehaved himselfe, THIS CORT doth therfore dischardge the said Mr. Walter Stonehowse of his said apprentice hereafter, and alsoe doth dischardge the said Thomas Rawson of his apprenticeship and service unto the said Mr. Stonehowse, according to the Statute in that case provided.

**Houseroom.** Upon readeing the peticon of Rafe Hattersley of Brampton byerley, in the parish of Wathe, laborer, who informeth that he hath a howse in Wathe, wherein one Thomas Time inhabiteth, being a poore mann and not able to pay the rent for the same, amounting unto xxvijs., and therfore desireth he might inhabite in parte of that howse himselfe, forasmuch as the said Hattersley is now inhabiteing in that parish, and the lawe appointeth that the inhabitantes in everye parish ought to provide for and maintaine their owne poore, ORDERED that the said Hattersley shalbe setled and remaine in his owne howse at Wathe as he desireth.

**Alehouse.** Upon complainte made unto this Cort of divers and sundrye misdeameanours committed and done by Richard Swinden of Barnesley, as alsoe that he keepeth a disordered alehowse, and hath kept companie in his howse drinkeing att unseasonable times contrary to the forme of the Statute, ORDERED that the now constable there shall dischardge the said Swinden from brewing, or keepeing alehowse, hereafter untill he shalbe therunto lawfully licensed, and alsoe that he shall pay and satisfie unto the use of the poore of Barnesley the summe of tenn shillings for keepeing companie in his howse at unseasonable times, according to the Statute.

**Shafton assessments.** [fol. 201] Upon open heareing the differences depending amongst thinhabitantes of Shafton about the rateing and assessing their layes for his Mat<sup>ies</sup> service, ORDERED that the assessmentes, hereafter to be made in that constablarye, shalbe rated and assessed by thinhabitantes there according to the quantitye and qualitye of acres everye one occupieth and enjoyeth, but because Sir William Savile, bart., one of the justices, is owner of a great parte of that constablarye, and his tennantes there are much interested in the assessment, itt is therfore desired by this Cort that he wilbe pleased at his leysure to call the partyes to this order before him, and settle an end therof, if any differences doe arise, as he in his discrecon shall thincke fitting.

**Disarming of recusants.** Whereas itt is enacted in the parliament of our late soveraigne lord Kinge James, holden at Westminster the third yeare of his most gracious raigne over England, etc.,<sup>1</sup> that all such armour, gunpowder, and munition of whatsoever kinds, that any popish recusant convict hath or shall have in their howses, or elsewhere, or in the handes or possession of any other at his or their disposition, or for their use, shalbe taken from them by warrant from fower justices of peace at their generall quarter sessions of peace to be holden in the same county, where such popish recusantes shalbe resident other then such necessarie weapons as shalbe thought fitt by the said fower justices to remaine with and be allowed them for the defence of their person or persons, howse or howses, as by the said act more at lardge appeareth, ORDERED that the high constables of the wapentacke of Strafforth and Tickhill shall, by vertue hereof, make diligent search in the howses of all recusantes, convict, and elsewhere, for all such armour, gunpowder, and munition, and upon finding of any such that they seise and deteyne the same in their custodye, or in such place or places as shalbe thought fitt by fower of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace, at the costes and chardges of the owners thereof, according to the tenor of the said act of parliament.

**Overseer's Accounts.** [fol. 202] Forasmuch as William Brooke, one of thinhabitantes of Hatefeild, hath in this open quarter sessions of peace taken his corporall oath, that he served an order of this Cort upon one William Simpson of Stainford, wherby the said Simpson (haveing bene an overseer of the poore of that towne) was enjoyned to make his accounte of the monyes by him received and disbursed, or els the summe of fortie shillings to be levied of him for the use of the poore of that parish, which order he, the said William Simpson, hath hitherto contemptuously disobeyed, ORDERED that the churchwardenes and overseeres of the poore of the parish of Hatefeild, with the churchwarden of Stainforth, shall levy of the goods and chattelles of the said Simpson the said summe of 40s., and alsoe that the constables there shall, by vertue hereof, arreast and convent before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace the said Simpson, there to enter recognisance as well for his personall appearance at the next generall quarter sessions to be holden for the W.R., as alsoe in the meane time to be of good

<sup>1</sup> Statute 3 James I, c. 5. Although their armour, arms, etc., were liable to be seized, the recusants, under this statute, were, nevertheless, "charged with the maintaining of the same, and with the buying, providing, and maintaining of horse, and other armour and munition, in such sort as other His Majesty's subjects from time to time shall be appointed and commanded."



behaviour towards his Mat<sup>ie</sup> and all his leige people, then and there to answeare the premisses, and to be dealt withall as to lawe and justice shall appertaine.

**Cantley assessments.** Upon complainte made unto this Cort by Thomas Stephenson and otheres, inhabitantes of the parish of Cantley, that there is a great inequalitye there in the rateing and assessing their assessmentes for the poore, because divers there refuse to rate their assessmentes monethly, and will rate and asseesse them onely by goods and not otherwise, ORDERED that the assessmentes there to be rated and assessed for the use of the said poore in that parish hereafter, shalbe rated and assessed monethly according to the true estimate and value of everye man's estate without any partialitie, which shalbe confirmed by two of his Mat<sup>es</sup> justices of peace next adjoyneing to the said parish, and therupon warrantes to yssue out from them to distraine for the same, according to the Statute.

**Cottages.** [fol. 203] Whereas Agnes Revell of Woodsettes, widow, peticoned this Cort and informed, that she haveing the inheritance of two cotages in Woodsettes, wherein one Linley Baxter and Roger Milner doe now inhabite, the said Agnes Revell is threatned to be presented in the cort leete holden for the honour of Tickhill in regard there is not foure acres of land assigned unto either of them, forasmuch as this Cort is satisfied that the said Baxter and Milner are poore people, and if they shold be putt out of the said howses wold be destitute of harbour, and are not able elsewhere to provide for themselves, ORDERED that the said Baxter and Milner may reside and continue in the howses aforesaid as cotageres, without any danger unto the said Agnes Revell, as the lawe in that case doth appointe.

**Committal order.** [203d] Whereas George France of Waleswood, laborer, and Katherine Jackson of the same, spinster, were convented in open Cort for the felonious stealeing of mutton, for which they stand indited, and have not as yett received their legall tryall, ORDERED that the said France and Jackson shalbe committed unto his Mat<sup>es</sup> jaole the castle of Yorke untill they shalbe thence delivered by due course of lawe.

**Carriage.** Upon complainte made unto this Cort by Nicholas Greaves, Godfrey Charlesworth, and Christofer Streete, inhabitantes of the towneship of Langsett, in the parish of Peniston, who informe that they are out of purse the summe of 40s. or therabouts in conveying and carryeing a cariage for his Mat<sup>ies</sup> service in this last expedicon, which the now constable

and inhabitantes there refuse to pay and satisfie, ORDERED that the now constable of Langsett shall either pay and satisfie the said summe, or els he and the rest of thinhabitantes there forthwith [to] showe cause before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, who is (*sic*) desired to heare and examine the said differences.

**Arrears due to overseer.** [fol. 204] Upon readeing the peticon of John Dixon of Darfeild, late overseer of the poore there, who informeth this Cort that he is arreare and behind hand the summe of fowre shillings tennpence, which he hath formerly disbursed in the execucon of his said office, ORDERED that the now churchwardens and overseeres shall allowe unto the said Dixon the said summe out of their stocke, and soe to be allowed them againe accordinglye.

**Relief of poor.** [204d] Upon heareing the peticon of thinhabitantes of Wathe upon Dearne, ORDERED that John Greene, an inhabitant there, being able to worke, shall receive noe more weekly allowance of the poore monies there, but that the said summe which was formerly allowed him shalbe equally paid unto Elizabeth Taylor and Alice Beard, two poore infirme widowes of that parish, towards their releife.

**Tickhill layes.** [fol. 205] Upon complainte made unto this Cort, that George Wilson, Richard Gaunt, Robert Rawson, Robert Elvidge, George Elvidge, and Christofer Copley, gent., who doe all occupie and enjoye severall parcelles of landes in the constablarye of Tickhill, doe refuse to pay such proporconable constable layes as are rated and assessed upon them for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, as alsoe that Gilbert Robert of Tickhill, Richard Hoole of the same, Richard Robert of the same, Francis Lambert of the same, and William Bosseville of the same, haveing lately served the office of constables severall yeares for that constablarye, doe refuse to accounte for the monyes by them collected and disbursed for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service of thinhabitantes there dureing the time of their severall offices, ORDERED that the now present constable there shall arreast and convent the said Wilson, Gaunt, Rawson, Robert Elvidge, George Elvidge, and Copley, before some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices there, to showe cause why they refuse to pay the said constable layes, and to be dealt withall according as the lawe in that case doth appointe, and if the said Gilbert, Robert, Hoole, Richard Robert, Lambert and Bosseville, or any of them, doe upon notice hereof refuse to accounte for the monyes by them received and disbursed before two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, then the said severall parties to be taken bound to answeare their contempt the next sessions.



**Hired servant.** [205*d*] Whereas Mary Gilbert, being servant unto Thomas Hare of Carleton, in the co. of Nottingham, 1 Nov. last, came from Carleton unto Rotherham, and was there that day hired at the high constables Statutes by Thomas Lord of Brampton, she being then unlawfully begott with child dureing her service with the said Hare by one John Pidcocke, her fellow-servant there, but did not discover the same unto the said Thomas Lord at the time of her said hyreing with him, but comeing unto the said Lord 18 Nov., the said Lord and his wife observeing her inabilityie to serve him, the said Lordes wife examined the said Mary whether she was with child or noe, and she confest that she was with child begotten as aforesaid, and therupon when the said Mary had not continued with the said Lord above twelve dayes he dischargd her of his said service, as he lawfully might, according to the resolucon of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Judges of Assize, and procured a warrant from William West and John Mauliverer, esquires, two of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices, by which she was sent unto the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of Carleton, there to be kept and provided for according to lawe, but the said churchwardens and overseeres of Carleton procured an order from his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of peace of the co. of Nottingham at the last sessions of peace holden at East Retford for the remaunding of her unto the said Lord at Brampton, grounding their order upon nothings but his retinew of her at the said high constables' Statutes in Yorkshire, who negligently recorded the hyreing of her without any testimoniall from Carleton that she was free to serve, therefore and for that itt appeareth that she was not there lawfully retained, nor lawfully settled with the said Lord at Brampton, but that her last setling was at Carleton in the said Hares service for the space of a yeare, where she was unlawfully begott with child, and therby grew impotent and unfitt for service, ORDERED that the said Mary Gilbert shalbe sent to Carleton, and delivered to the churchwardens and overseeres there, to be provided for according to her necessities.

**Maintenance of bastard.** [fol. 206] For that the churchwardens and overseeres of the poore of Barnesley are content and willing to take such securitye of Mathew Smith, now prisoner in the castle of Yorke, for the maintaineing of a base child by him begotten upon the bodye of Elizabeth Baxter, widow, as he shalbe able to give them when he shalbe at libertye, ORDERED that a *liberate* be awarded to release the said Smith out . . . . . that he give securitie to the churchwardens . . . . .

[NOTE.]—The other Orders made at these Sessions were for Settlement [201*d*, 202*d*, 203*d*, 204, 204*d*]; Relief of poor [201*d*]; Provision of houseroom [203, 204, 204*d*]; Bastardy [206].

### PONTEFRACT.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 204.] General Sessions held at, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, before Thomas Fairfax, knight, John Goodricke, knight and bart., Thomas Bland, k<sup>t</sup>, John Savile, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Roades, k<sup>t</sup>, Henry Cholmley, k<sup>t</sup>, Charles Fairfax, esq., Edw. Stanhope, esq., William West, esq., James Metcalfe, esq., Robt. Rockley, esq., Thomas Jopson, esq., Nich. Yarbourgh, esq., Gervase Hamond, esq., John Farrer, esq., and Thomas Stockdale, esq., Justices.

JURORS—John Lamb, gent., John Laughton of Tickhill, Thomas Wainwright, Thomas Bradforth, Samuel Usher, Stephen Cawwood, William Shillito, John Twisleton, John Scoales, Ralph Swift, Richard Cookeson, William Shillitoe, and Richard Thompson.

WHO PRESENT—Joshua Wibsey of Dewsburie, laborer, for stealing there on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1641, twelve pounds of wool value 5*s.*, two pecks of meal value 2*s.*, two pounds of bacon value 8*d.*, and one silver spoon value 7*s.*, the property of Robert Milnes. Witn., Rob. Milnes. (At large.)

Jane Waterhouse of Heathe, widow, and Winifred Whawley of Wakefeild, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1638, a coverlet, value 20*s.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Stancliffe. Witn., Fr. Staincliffe, Grace Staincliffe, Sam. Wheatley, Jo. Helliwell. (At large.)

[204*d*] Alexander Ashton and Thomas Ashton of Ecclesfeild, laborers, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, a hen, value 6*d.*, belonging to John Burley. Witn., Edw. Winfeild, John Burley. (Put themselves, not guilty, nor withdraw.)

Isaac Firth of Worsbrough, laborer, for stealing there on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1642, a mill (*molendinam*) of Robert Allett's, and eight eggs, value 2*d.*, his property. Witn., John Shawe, Anne Shawe. (At large. Puts himself.)

Peter Andrewe of Stanley, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, Margaret Tunstall. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Tunstall, Marg. Tunstall. (At large.)

Henry Procter of Kilnsey, laborer, for on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1641, and at divers other times, keeping an alehouse there, and



selling beer to the king's lieges without licence. Witn., Tho. Ward, gent. (Puts himself, guilty.)

[fol. 205] Richard Rodwell, blacksmith, and Paul Thomson, husbandman, both of Hensall,<sup>1</sup> for assaulting and maltreating there on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, Richard Cowper. Witn., Rich. Cowper. (At large.)

W<sup>m</sup> Wriglesworth of Hawton, laborer, and John Bateley of Leeds, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating Henry Parker at Leeds on the last day of Feb., 1641(-2). Witn., Jo. Roades, Hen. Parker. (At large.)

Richard Best of Adwicke, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating John Ward, gent., at Carleton on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1642. Witn., Jo. Ward. (At large. At Rotherham, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, puts himself on the clemency of the Court, fine 10s.)

Robert Sikes of Lofthouse, chapman, for on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1641(-2), assaulting and maltreating George Beckett at Hunslett, in a place there called Dove bridge, within the Borough of Leeds, and on the king's highway. Witn., Rob. Young, Chris' Lupton, Tho. Hardwick. (At large.)

[205d] Mathew Watkinson of East Ardesley, tanner, for assaulting and maltreating Henry Copley at Woodkirke on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1641(-2). Witn., Hen. Copley.

Anthony Shawe of Worsbrough, smith, for on the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, negligently permitting one Isaac Firth to escape from his custody there while conveying him to the House of Correction. Witn., Jo. Fox. (At large.)

Thomas Harrison of Paddocke, in the parish of Kirkbie Overblowes, husbandman, for not attending his parish church or other place of common prayer during one month since 1<sup>st</sup> Feb., 1641(-2), against the form of the Statute. Witn., Math. Wright. (At Skipton, 12 July, 1642, proclamation was made according to the form of the Statute.)

[fol. 206] Ralph Constable of Braiton, gent., and Faith his wife, for unlawfully taking and carrying away £3 9s. in money belonging to Thomas Morritt, gent. Witn., Tho. Morrett. (At large.)

Thomas Ayre, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Parker, barber, and Thomas Grunnell, skinner, all of Selby, for unlawfully and riotously assembling on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1641(-2), in the church there, and disturbing John Johnson, clerk, preacher of God's Word, against the form of the Statute, etc. Witn., Rob. Wareing, Tho. Goesey, Rob. Cooke, W<sup>m</sup> Hawley. (At large.)

<sup>1</sup> In the parish of Snaith, wapentake of Osgoldcross, liberty and bailiwick of Cowick and Snaith, three miles from Snaith.

William Cowper, gent., Elionor his wife,<sup>1</sup> Elionor Knowles, spinster, John Walker, laborer, and Sara Holdsworth, widow, all of Shelve, for assaulting and maltreating there on 14 April, 1641, Robert Hall. Witn., Rich. Butler. (At large. And the said W<sup>m</sup> Cowper and Elionor his wife, on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1642, come and put themselves on the clemency of the Court, and the fine of each is taxed at 12*d.*, paid Sheriff.)

Phillip Markham of Boulderstone, in the parish of Bradfeild, gent., for having erected there a cottage for the habitation of Samuel Akerode without assigning thereto 4 acres of land to be continuously occupied with it according to the form of the Statute. Witn., Rich. Hawkesworth, Tho. Gillott. (At large. Puts himself.)

[206*d*] Paul Hammerton of Selby, clerk, and Henry Watson of the same, "cowper," for on Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, disturbing in the parish church there John Johnson, clerk, preacher of God's Word, at the time of divine service. Witn., Henry Cholmley, knight, one of the Justices. (Put themselves on the grace of the Court at Wakefeild, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, fine 20*d.*)

Thomas Surleby of Newhall, in the parish of Darfeild, gent., for on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1641, and at divers other times, unlawfully taking and driving away 11 sheep, value 4*s.* each, the property of someone unknown. Witn., Nich. Meadley, Sam Beckett, Tho. Speight. (At large.)

Richard Broomhead of Bradfeild, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating John Beamont there on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1642. Witn., Joh. Beamont. (At large. Rotheram, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, confesses the indictment, and puts himself on the clemency of the Court; his fine is taxed at 6*s.*, paid Sheriff.)

Abraham Brooke of Almonburie, yeoman, for assaulting and maltreating John Ellistones there on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1641(-2). Witn., Joh. Ellistones, Tho. Starkie. (At large.)

[fol. 207] Thomas Cosin of Bramley, blacksmith, for perjury on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1639, at York Castle, when before Edward Henden, knight, one of the Barons of the Exchequer and Justices of Assize, being called as a witness by one Henry Dickinson in a cause then pending between him as defendant at the suit of Henry Sikes, plaintiff, in a plea of trespass on the case, concerning the sum of £6, the said Thomas Cosin corruptly swore "That ye Defdt. the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., was twelve month, payed unto ye

<sup>1</sup> Over the name of W. Cowper is writter: "fine 6*d.*," and the same figure over that of Elionor his wife, but this does not tally with the statement made at the foot of the indictment.



plt. the summe of £5 parte of ye debt of £6 in question, and that he was not examined or sworne in a former tryall brought downe and tryed for that debt att an Assizes formerly houlden," whereas in truth and fact the said Henry Dickinson never paid such sum, and the said Thomas Cosin further, viz. at the Assizes held at York Castle on 30 March, 1638, before George Vernon, k<sup>t</sup>, one of the Justices of the King's Bench, and one of the Justices of Assize, in a cause between the aforesaid Henry Sykes, plt., and the aforesaid Henry Dickinson, deft., was sworn and examined, when he said " That the defdt. had paid unto ye plt. the summe of 40s. in satisfaccon of the debt of £6 in question," when in truth no such sum was ever paid. Witn., Thomas Garthforth, Richard Stockdale, Henry Sikes, Simeon Bower. (Puts himself.)

[fol. 208] At a further Inquisition taken at the General Sessions held as above, on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, before the same Justices.

JURORS—Charles Jackson, gent., Robert Abbott, Lawrence Addam, gent., George Wilson, Thomas Ward, John Wright, George Hammerton, Leonard Betson, Richard Pickard, Edward Bickerdike, W<sup>m</sup> Holmes, Henry Browne, W<sup>m</sup> Stirker, W<sup>m</sup> Summers, and John Reyner.

WHO PRESENT—Henry Besackle, sen<sup>r</sup>, and Henry Besackle, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Sikehouse, husbandmen, for stealing there on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1640, " fower sheepe," value 13s. 4<sup>d</sup>., the property of Henry Cooke. Witn., Tho. Walker, James Hunsley, Rich. Mitton, W<sup>m</sup> Cruedy. (At large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

The same for stealing at the same date and place " an ewe and a lamb," value 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>., the property of Edm. Howson. Witn., Edm. Howson. (At large. Put themselves, not guilty.)

The said Henry Bessackle, jun<sup>r</sup>, for stealing on 1 July, 1639, at Fishlake, " a weather sheepe," value 10s., the property of John Waite. Witn., Jo. Waite, Rich. Glover. (At large. Puts himself, not guilty.)

[208<sup>d</sup>] Richard Bumbie of Liversedge, laborer, for stealing there on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1641(-2), a " rideing coate," value 6s. 8<sup>d</sup>., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Peele. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Peele. (Puts himself, guilty to 10<sup>d</sup>., no goods, is whipped.)

Elizabeth Pretious of Dewsburie, spinster, for stealing there on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1641(-2), a petticoat and a waistcoat and divers pieces of linen, value 10s., the property of Thomas Whittacres. Witn., Tho. Whittacres. (Puts herself, guilty to 10<sup>d</sup>., no chattels.)

Thomas Mathew of Knaresbrough, laborer, for stealing at Kirkdighton on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept., 1641, two sheaves of oats, value 4*d.*, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Swaile and John Dunwell. Witn., Jo. Dunwell. (Puts himself, not guilty, nor withdraws.)

Francis Watter of Over Dunsforth, husbandman, for maliciously killing there, with a pitchfork (*bifurco*), on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1640, a swine, value 11*s.*, the property of Richard Casse. Witn., Rich. Casse, W<sup>m</sup> Maye. (Puts himself.)

William Adams of Doncaster, innkeeper, for unlawfully taking and driving away at Hanthwaite 4 oxen, value £20, the property of Thomas Shipman. Witn., Anne Shipman. (At large.)

[fol. 209] Thomas Swaine of Horton, clothier, Thomas Midgley of Heaton in Bradford dale, yeoman, Sara Bawne, wife of Isaac Bawne of Horton, clothier, and Priscilla Hodgshon, wife of Thomas Hodgshon, sen<sup>r</sup>, of Bowleing, yeoman, Sara Walker of Bradford, widow, Thomas Craven of Horton, laborer, Susanna Roads, wife of Edward Roads of Wibsey, clothier, Mary Walker of the same, spinster, Mary Mortimer, wife of John Mortimer of Horton, clothier, Anne Wilkinson, wife of Christopher Wilkinson of Horton, collier, Ellen Walshe of Manningham, spinster, and Susanna Sowden of the same, spinster, for on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1641(-2), at Bradford riotously assaulting and maltreating in the parish church there Nathan Bentley, clerk, and preacher of God's Word, in the time of Divine service. Witn., Nath. Bentley, Rob. Holt, Rich. Horne, Tho. Slater, John Roe. (At large. Put themselves.)

Thomas Godsey, or Godsay, of Selbie, tanner, for on the 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1642, in the parish church there, openly and publicly saying these scandalous words: "I care not for the King (meaning our Lord King Charles) nor his Lawes." Witn., Tho. Judd, W<sup>m</sup> Parker. (At large.)

[209*d*] Thomas Pighells of Kirkheaton, tanner, for assaulting and maltreating on 20 March, 1641(-2), at Mirfeild Anthony Bankes. Witn., Anth. Banckes. (Puts himself.)

Thomas Heydon, als. Heads, of Barnesley, milner, for on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1639, newly erecting, and since then maintaining, a dam near to a mill commonly called the hole Milne in Ardesley, by which the water there flowing is greatly flooded as far as a mill called Barnesley Milnes, to the great damage of Francis Wortley, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., and of the other occupiers and owners of Barnesley Milnes. Witn., Nich. Meadley, Ja. Langbotham. (At large. Puts himself.)



W<sup>m</sup> Windle and Thomas Windle of Earbie, husbandmen, for assaulting and maltreating there on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1642, Hugh Barrowes. Witn., Hugh Barras. (Put themselves on the clemency of the Court, at Skipton, 18 July, 1642; the fine is taxed at 10s., estreated.)

Henry Bessackle, sen<sup>r</sup>, and Henry Bessackle, jun<sup>r</sup>, of Sikehouse, husbandmen, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1641(-2), Richard Jackson. Witn., John Houghton, Rich. Jackson. (At large.)

[fol. 210] W<sup>m</sup> Tunstall, als. Tunston, of Stanley, laborer, for assaulting and maltreating there on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, Peter Andrew. Witn., Peter Andrew, Mary Lee. (At large.)

Henry Simpson of Stanley, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating there on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), Robert Hall. Witn., Hen. Glover, W<sup>m</sup> Kay, Rob. Hall. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine is taxed at 5s., estreated.)

Robert Hall of Ardesley, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating at Stanley on 20 Jan., 1641(-2), Henry Ludlove. Witn., Hen. Glover, W<sup>m</sup> Kay. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine is taxed at *blank*).

John Cowper of Toothill, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating at Rasterick on 12 March, 1641(-2), Thomas Brooke. Witn., Geo. Firth, Tho. Brooke. (Puts himself on the clemency of the Court, his fine is taxed at 12*d.*, paid.)

[210*d*] Thomas Norton of Gowdell,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating at Kellington on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, Robert Horobin. Witn., Rob. Horrobin, Paule Thompson. (At large. Rotheram, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, puts himself on the clemency of the Court, the fine is taxed at 5s., paid Sheriff.)

Christopher Shawe, laborer, W<sup>m</sup> Haigh, laborer, and Margaret his wife, and Richard Barber, laborer, all of Mirfeild, for assaulting and maltreating there on 24 March, 1641(-2), Richard Cosen. Witn., Rich. Cosen, Mich. Sheard. (At large.)

Henry Portington of Fishlake, gent., John Royston, of Doncaster, laborer, John Nicholson, of the same, laborer, Richard Champney of Fishlake, laborer, and Robert White of the same, laborer, for on the 22 March, 1641(-2), unlawfully and riotously assembling at Fishlake, and entering the house of W<sup>m</sup> Reynolds in the night. Witn., Eliz. Reynolds. (Put themselves.)

Christopher Sugden and Isaac Maude of Great Horton, laborers, for unlawfully taking and carrying away there on

<sup>1</sup> Gowdall, in the parish of Snaith, wapentake of Osgoldcross, liberty and bailiwick of Cowick and Snaith, one mile from Snaith.

31 Jan., 1641(-2), two pounds of wool, value 12*d.*, the property of Robert Haworth. Witn., Rob. Hayworth. (Each puts himself on the clemency of the Court, the fine of each is taxed at 6*d.*)

[fol. 211] Henry Craven of Horsforth, John Rawlyn of the same, and John Funne of Bingley, yeomen, for riotously assembling at Steeton on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1642, and assaulting and maltreating Anne Greenebank, wife of George Greenebank. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell. (At large.)

Simon Watton, Robert Thomas, Isaac Sladen, jun<sup>r</sup>, John Robinson, Henry Parker, all of Midgley, yeomen, and Simon Wormall of Warley, yeoman, for on the 25 Jan., 1641(-2), assaulting and maltreating W<sup>m</sup> Thomas and Richard Gibson, bailiffs of Thomas Gower, jun<sup>r</sup>, knight, Sheriff of Yorkshire,<sup>1</sup> and rescuing from their hands Henry Parker, who had been taken under a writ of *capias* of the king to answer to one John Coates concerning a plea of trespass. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Thomas. (At large.)

Robert Hall of Horton, laborer, and Mary Garforth of the same, spinster, for on 31 Jan., 1641(-2), assaulting Robert Hayworth at Great Horton. Witn., Rob. Haworth, Ro. Mason. (At large.)

[211*d*] John Dicconson and John Booth of Bramham, laborers, for on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1641, and at other times before and since, unlawfully breaking and entering a close of one Sutton Oglethorpp, esq., commonly called the Oxe close, at Oglethorp, in the parish of Bramham, and cutting down and taking away the grass, wood, and underwood there. Witn., Robert Nixon, gent. (Dicconson puts himself.)

William Lee of Whitley, husbandman, for assaulting and maltreating William Walker at Thornhill on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1641. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Walker. (At large.)

Richard Pickles of Rotheram, clerk, for evil doing there on and at divers times before and after the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1641, on the night of which day he was taken by the Constable of Rotheram in the house of one John Freind misbehaving himself. Witn., Jo. Drew, W<sup>m</sup> Greenwood. (At large, puts himself, not guilty.)

[fol. 212] Thomas Leake of Sandall, yeoman, Anne his wife, and Mary Cooke of same, spinster, for on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, breaking into the close of Thomas Marshe at Criglestone, called Armitt Ing, trampling down the grass there growing, and assaulting and maltreating the said Thomas Marsh. Witn., Tho. Marsh, Fran. Leak. (At large, put themselves.)

<sup>1</sup> Of Stettemham, in the North Riding. High Sheriff of the county, 1641.



**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 207.]      **Disturbance in Selby church.**

To the kinges most excellent Ma<sup>tie</sup>.

The humble peticon of the most of the inhabitants and parishioners of the towne of Selbie, in the countie of Yorke.

Humble shewe unto your gracious Ma<sup>tie</sup> that the parish of Selbie is a very great parish and a peculier jurisdiccon, and that the curateshipp there (being in the graunt of Charles Walmesley, esq., lord of that manner), is by him under his hand, as alsoe by his officiall of the said peculier jurisdiction under his hand and seale, settled and conferred upon Mr. James Wade, M<sup>r</sup> of Arts, and an able preacher, who beinge in quiet and peaceable possession therof, by and with the consent and good likinge of the most of the parishioners, upon Easter day last past in the afternoone, beinge ready to officiate as curate there, as formerly hee had done, one M<sup>r</sup> Johnson (with whome some few persons of the said parish, beinge factious people, doe complie), under pretence of havinge right to serve the cure there, came into the church accompanied with one Sir Henry Cholmley, a late made justice of peace, who (although noe parishioner there), intendinge (as it seemed) to disturbe the said M<sup>r</sup> Waide's quiet possession, comaunded the said Mr. Waide to permitt him the said Johnson to reade praiers and officiate there, further threatninge the said Mr. Waide that if hee refused soe to doe, he the said Sir Henry would bind him unto his good behaviour. But M<sup>r</sup> Waide, denying to suffer the said Johnson to officiate, and hee himselfe discharginge the place as formerly hee had done, was presently, after praiers and sermon ended, sent for by a constable (as though he had bin a malefactour) to appeare before the said Sir Henry Cholmley, who caused him to finde sureties for the good behaviour, and to appeare at the next Sessions to be held at Pontefract on Twesday next, which said procedinges breed great discontent and distractions amongst the parishioners, insomuch as an uproare had like to have ensued thereupon. [207d] Now your Ma<sup>tes</sup> humble peticoners, to the number of 200 heere present, desirous to avoide tumults and disquietnes in the church, doe humbly pray your sacred Ma<sup>tie</sup> would be graciously pleased, for prevention of such disorder, as may arise thereabouts, to give comaund that the said Sir Henry Cholmley and M<sup>r</sup> Johnson doe henceforth forbear to molest the sayd Mr. Wade in his peaceable possession of officiating and serving the cure in the sayd church, untill hee shalbee by some legall pro-

ceeding evicted, and in the interim that hee may bee discharged of the recognizance wherein the said Sir Henry Cholmley hath taken him bound, the same being for noe other cause but for doeing that which belonged to his place, and your peticoners will for ever pray for your Ma<sup>tes</sup> happie and prosperous raigne, etc.

His Ma<sup>ties</sup> aunswere thereunto.

At the Court at Yorke, the 12<sup>th</sup> of Aprill, 1642.

His Ma<sup>tie</sup>, being much offended that any such publike disturbance of divine service and the quiet of his good people should happen as is complained of in this peticon, and beinge desirous to have all his good subjects fully and in peace to enjoy that which is by lawe their right, and that all violence and tumults be forborne, or punished according to the demerittes of the peacebreakers, is graciously pleased to referr the examinacon and consideracon of this peticon to the justices of the bench at the next sessions at Pontefracte in this county, comaunding them in his Ma<sup>tes</sup> name to charge Sir Henry Cholmley and Mr. Johnson, specified in this peticon, from hencforth to forbear molesting the said Mr. Wade, curate of Selbie, or disturbinge him in his peaceable possession officiating and serving the cure in Selbie church, untill hee shalbee evicted by a legall course, and that in the meane time the said Mr Wade, if noe further cause appeare against him then is alleadged in this peticon, be forthwith discharged of his recognizance wherein he is bound by the said Sir Henry Cholmley, and his Ma<sup>tie</sup> requires that the said Justices give him a true account of their proceedings heerin, and what upon examinacon they finde to be the trueth of this complaint.

Signed, Edw. Nicholas.

[fol. 210] Wee whose names are herunder written, his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices of the peace assembled at the generall quarter sessions houlden at Pontefracte the xx<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill, in the eighteenth yeare of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> raigne, for the westriding of the county of Yorke, doe certifie, that whereas there were two indictmentes preferred at the said sessions against Sir Henry Cholmley, knt., wee doe conceive the said indictmentes were soe preferred injuriously and vexatiously and without any just cause, and that the grand jury upon open and full hearinge of all their evidence did retorne *Ignoramus* upon boath the indictmentes.

Signed, Tho. Fairfax, John Savill, Edw. Rodes, C. Fairfax,  
Tho. Stockdale, R. Rockle,<sup>1</sup> W. West, Nic.  
Yarburgh, John Ferrer.

<sup>1</sup>Robert Rockley, of Rockley Abbey, Esq.



The certificate to his Ma<sup>tie</sup> upon the forsaid aunswere.

May it please your most excellent Ma<sup>tie</sup>.

Wee have, according to your Ma<sup>ties</sup> pleasure signified to us by Mr. Secretarye Nicholas, taken the peticon heerunto annexed into serious and deliberate consideracon, and have heard the parties on both sides with their learned councell and such other proofes as they were able to produce, and after full hearinge and due examinacon wee finde that misinformacon hath bin made in that busines by the peticoners, and that Sir Henrye Cholmeley hath not done contrary to the dutie of his place, and for your Ma<sup>ties</sup> more full satisfaccon wee doe humblye present theise particulers followeing, which upon the said examinacon were made evident unto us. First it appeares that Thomas Walmesley, esq., father to Mr. Charles Walmesley (menconed in the peticon), pretendinge to the patronage of the church at Selbie, did upon misinformacon of sum of the petitioners present one Paule Hammerton, whoe then was and still is the parish clarke of Selbie, a man not in full orders, and therefore incapable of the said cure, whoe neverthe lesse was admitted by the commissarye of the peculier jurisdiccon of Selbie, which admission was afterwards revoked by the said commissarye (Hamertons incapeability appearinge), as appeares to us by a certificate under the hand of the register of the said peculier, after which the lord Archbishop of Yorke, in your Ma<sup>ties</sup> right, from whome there is thirtye poundes per annum allowed towards the maintaynance of the sayd cure at Selbie, and in his owne right as Bishop to supply the said cure with an able minister, did present Mr John Johnson to the same, who although hee conceived his title by the Bishopp's presentacon in your Ma<sup>ties</sup> right, and his owne, to be sufficient in lawe, yet, to take away all excepcons and controversies that might arise, did likewise procure Mr. Walmesleyes, the other pretendinge patrons, consent thereunto, and was accordingly admitted by the commissarye of the peculier of Selby, [210d] and, being thus qualified and enabled, wee finde that the said Mr Johnson was in full possession of the said church and cure, and did officiate and preach in the church seaverall times, although hee was therein affronted and disturbed by the insolent and tumultuous behaviour of diverse of the peticoners and others of the parish in opposicon of your Ma<sup>ties</sup> title and the bishops, conferred upon him, after which wee alsoe finde that, upon the perswasions of diverse of the peticoners, Mr. Walmesley, the now pretended patron, his father being dead, made a graunt of his pretended interest to the said cure, thereby conferring it upon

Mr. James Wade, in the peticon menconed, of whose pretended interest diverse of the peticoners have endeavoured to make use to give cullor to their turbulent opposicon of Mr. Johnson's possession, which interest the sayd Wade, now findinge to be weake and insufficient, hath willingly resigned and disclaimed, and wee have discharged Mr Wade of the recognizance by him entred for the good behaviour, and have bound over diverse others, whoe have bin evidently prooved before us to be principall moovers and causers of the disturbances menconed in the peticon, by them wrongfully charged upon Sir Henry Cholmeley and Mr. Johnson, and wee thincke it to be most agreeable to the lawes of this land that Mr. Johnson be continued in possession of the said benefice untill hee bee legally evicted, all which wee nevertheles submitt to your Ma<sup>tie</sup>.

Signed, Tho. Fairfax, Jo. Savill, Edw. Rodes, R. Rockle,  
W. West, Jer. Hamond, Tho. Stockdale,  
Nic. Yarburgh, Jo. Ferrer.

**Charges for Carriage.** Upon the peticon preferred by Richard Gagges, settinge foorth that a sute was brought by Thomas Hodgson, plt., against the said Richard Gagges and George Gregson, concerninge a cart for the King's carriage, whereupon judgment passed for the defendantes, and execucon issued for viij<sup>li</sup> costs, now the said Richard Gagges informeth that the said George Gregson hath received the said costs, beinge viij<sup>li</sup>, whereof the moiety was properly due unto him the said Gagges, but the said Gregson refuseth to pay the said moiety, or any part thereof, though often demaunded, THEREFORE this Court doth referr the examinacon and consideracon of the said difference unto Sir John Ramsden, knt., Edward Stanhope, esq., Jervas Hamond, esq., or any two of them, who are desired to call the said parties with their prooffes before them, and to compose the said difference, or make such order therin as shalbee agreeable to equity and justice.

**Adel constable lay.** [fol. 211] Upon hearinge the inhabitants of Addle cum Eccopp, by Mr Clayton, their learned counsell, concerninge the non-payment of the constable layes by Tobye Barracloughe for his landes in that constabularye, ORDERED that the said Barracloughe shall pay the arreares of all the constable layes there for his said landes, according to the quantitie and qualite of the acres of the said landes, and this to bee noe prejudice to the custome in question, and further the cunstable is heerby directed to distraine the goodes of the said Barracloughe for some one constable laye, and thereupon the said Barracloughe to bringe his accon at lawe and trye the



validitye of the custome pretended by the other inhabitants there, and then this Court will settle the said constable layes according to the verdict and judgment thereupon given.

**Fire.** Forasmuch as Thomas Cryer of Parlington and Jennet his wife, John Cryer his sone and Priscilla his wife, have informed this Court that the said Thomas Cryer, beinge by trade a blacksmith, an old man, and his wife and (*sic*) old woeman, havinge for their healp and comfort taken into his, the said Thomas Cryer's howse, the said John and his wife and a young child, by an unknowne accident upon 6 Aug. last there hapned in the said howse a fearfull and lamentable fier; wherby their dwellinge howse, parlor, cowehowse, and all other their buildinges, together with all their goodes and howsehold-stuffe, provision, and all their apparell, soe that nothinge coulde be saved, but all their whole estates amountinge to the value of thirty poundes and upwardes were utterly consumed and burnt, whereby they are utterly impoverished in their estates and fortunes, and are not able to provide for themselves, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Parlington shall allowe such convenient and necessarye maintainance unto them as can be spared out of the stocke of the poore there, and doeth further intreate the seaverall ministers and curates in the wapentake of Skiracke to publish the contents heerof in their severall churches and chappells, etc.

**Hatfield assessments.** [211d] Whereas a difference and variance depended betweene the inhabitants of Hatfeild and the owners and occupiers of Hatefeilde parke with the copcies (*sic*) there in the parish of Hatefeilde about the (*sic*) and assessinge of the sayde parke and copcies (*sic*), and whereas it was formerly ordered at the generall sessions of the peace held at Rotheram, 19 July last, that the occupiers of that parcell of ground should pay their rateable layes and assessments, soe legally imposed and assessed on them, which hath not hitherto bin performed, in persuance whereof, at the Sessions held at Doncaster, the Court did then order that a legall assessment should bee made of that parcell of land called Hatfeild parke and copcies proportionablye accordinge to their other lay and assessments there, havinge a respect to the quantitie and qualitie of the acres there, and the assessments now already imposed upon them, which are arreare and unpaid, to be paid by the severall occupiers of those landes accordinge to the contents of the said former order. Nevertheles it is now concluded and agreed upon by the mutuall consent of the said inhabitants of Hatfeild

and the owners and occupiers of Hatfeild parke, and thereupon this Court doth ORDER that for all arreares behind and unpaied, they, being reduced to the three last assessments, the owners and occupiers of the said parkes and copcies shall pay for every acre of land as followeth, videlt., to the churchwardens for and towards the repaire of the church ijd. for every acre, to the constable for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service one penny for every acre, and to the overseer for the use of the poore one penny for every acre, and that for ever heereafter in all layes and assessments the said parke and copcies shall be rated and assessed accordinge to the proporcon of two for one, videlt., two acres of the parke for one of the other landes in the sayd parish of Hatfeild.

**Possession of houses, etc.** Upon hearinge and examininge the differences depending betweene William Mallinson of Wathe and Elizabeth Baxter of Bolton upon Dearne about the possession and proffitts of certaine howses and landes in Bolton, in the presence of both parties, ORDERED, by consent of both the said parties, that the said Elizabeth Baxter and her sonne, Andrew Baxter, with the assistance of any their freindes, shalbe at libertie, and may enter into the sayd howses and landes and lett and set the same, or dispose thereof, to best proffitt, but the said Elizabeth and her said sonne shall pay and satisfie unto the sayd William Mallinson the sume of 20s. duringe the said William Mallinson's life, if hee survive the said Elizabeth Baxter, in full satisfaccon of all demaundes or proffitts which may issue or accrue to him owt of the said howses and landes.

**Marle bridge.** [fol. 212] Forasmuch as the summe of xxx*li*. was allowed owt of this W.R. for the repaire of Marle[b]ridge, scituate over the river of Dearne, in the wapentake of Strafforth, and consideracon beinge further taken to build the same of stone, and that a very valueable summe will but finish that worke, ORDERED that the summe of one hundred poundes more shalbee allowed owt of this W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and payd over unto Sir Edward Rodes, kt., one of the justices, who is desired by this Court to receive the said summe, and dispose thereof (with the other summe formerly allowed) for the repaire and newe buildinge of the sayd bridge.

**High constable.** Forasmuch as Samuell Thorpe, gent., nowe one of the high constables of the wapentake of Agbrig and Morley, hath executed that place by the space of three yeares last past; and discharged the trust reposed in him for that service, and therefore nowe desireth to be acquitted and freed of that chardge, ORDERED that William Yarburghe of Horburye,



gent., and John Mawde of Wakefeild, gent., shall attend upon some of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> justices in that wapentake, that upon hearinge both the sayd parties the one of them may take the oath usually accustomed to execute that place, and performe the same accordingly.

**Relief of Poor.** For that Henry Saunders of Wakefeild Westgate peticoned and informed this Court of his infirmities and weaknes, beinge lame both of his leggs and armes, not able to stirr abroad or labour, or otherwise to provide for himselfe in this his great necessity, ORDERED that the churchwardens and overseers of the poore there shall allowe unto him the summe of viij*d*. weekly for and towards his releife and main-  
tainance, or upon their refusall the penaltye of the lawe to be imposed upon them.

**Costs of prosecuting against churchwardens.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed by John Ellistones of Almonbury, that hee and some other inhabitants there disbursed and expended the summe of xxvj*s*. in prosecutinge against Abraham Brooke, Matthew North, Roberte Kay, and Jervas Booth, churchwardens there for the last yeare, whose accounts were unjust and imperfect, ORDERED that if the sayd Brooke, North, Kay, and Booth doe upon notice heereof refuse to pay and satisfie unto the sayd Ellistones and the rest the said summe, then the penaltie of the Statute to be imposed upon them for their contempt in the premisses.

**Forfeited recognizance.** [212*d*] Forasmuch as John Awdesley of Bentley stood bound by recognizance to traverse an indictment at this Sessions for an assault and batterye upon the prosecucon of Elizabeth Higham, wife to Andrew Higholme of Clayton, and hath not prosecuted his said traverse, but hath desired the recognizance may be respited untill the next Sessions, because hee cannot attend for his sicknes, ORDERED that the sayd Awdesley shall, upon sight heereof, pay and satisfie unto the said Andrew Higholme the summe of xx*s*., for his charges in prosecutinge the said indictment this present Sessions.

**Crimple bridge.** Upon informacon given to this Court of the great ruine and decaye of Crimple bridge, scituate over the river of Crimple, in the wapentake of Claro, beinge the high roadway betweene the markett townes of Knaresbrough and Wetherby and other places of great resort within this W.R., forasmuch as the repaire of the said bridge is to great a burthen to charge the wapentake aforesaid with the repaire thereof, ORDERED that the summe of x*li*. shalbee estreated upon the

said W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and paied over unto Sir John Goodricke, kt. and bt., one of his Ma<sup>te</sup> justices, who is desired by this Court to see the same husbandly bestowed upon the repaire thereof, but it is further ordered that the said W.R. shall not heereafter be charged with the repaire, or any further allowance towards, the said bridge.

**Tadcaster bridge.** Forasmuch as Sir William Fairfax, kt., and Edward Stanhope, esq., two of the justices, have certified unto this Court the greate ruine and decay of Tadcastle (*sic*) bridge, and that the summe of one hundred and twenty poundes will but repaire the same, ORDERED that the said sum shalbee estreated upon this W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and payed over unto the said Sir William Fairfax and Mr. Stanhope for the present repaire of the sayd bridge, who are desired to see the same husbandly bestowed accordingly, but it is intended that the sayd moneyes shalbee imployed upon the westend of the sayd bridge, which ought to be repaired by this W.R., and the other parte thereof to be repaired and maintayned at the charge of the citty and Ayncetie of Yorke, as it usually and aunciently hath bin.

**Ragill bridge.** [fol. 213] Upon the peticon of the inhabitants of the towne of Ingleton, ORDERED that the lane called Kirkgate lane and the bridge called Ragill bridge, beinge the Kinges high way, and within the par. of Bentham, shalbee repaired foorthwith, and made passable, at the charge of the whole parish, accordinge to the Statute in such case made and provided.

**Eastburn bridge.** Upon readinge the certificate of Sir William Lister, kt., William White, and Edward Parker, esquires, three of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices, who doe certifie that there is and hath bin time owt of mynde a bridge called Eastburne bridge, within the parish of Kildwicke in Craven, in the high streete or roade way betwixt London and Kendall, for all passengers and travellers, who continually doe travaile that way with packes and other carriages, and by reason of excessive floodes the sayd bridge is nowe wholly ruinated and decayed, and is not within the charge of the countye, or in the Booke of Bridges of the sayd county, and it is nowe averred that the summe of six-score poundes will but finish that worke, ORDERED that, in reguard that summe is too great a summe for the wapentake, the summe of fortie poundes, beinge a third parte, to be estreated upon this W.R., and collected by the high constables there for the use aforesaid, provided this order of allowance shalbe understood as favour to the wapentacke where the bridge



lies, but not to be a president heereafter to chardge the W.R. with such claime for the repaire of ye said bridge.

**Arrears due to deputy constable.** Forasmuch as Raphe Harrison of Wentbrigg peticoned this Court, that hee beinge deputye constable the last yeare within the severall towneshippes of Darrington, Kirksmeaton, and Thorpe Awdline, in the execucon of which office hee disbursed the summe of xviijs. vjd., which is arreare and due to him, ORDERED that the nowe constables of Darrington and Thorpawdline and Kirksmeaton shall forthwith pay and satisfie unto the sayd Harrison the sayd summe of xviijs. vjd. within 3 dayes after notice heereof, or else showe cause before Nicholas Yarburgh, esq., one of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices, within three dayes after notice heereof, why they doe refuse, otherwise to bee convented before the said Mr. Yarburgh to be bound to aunsweare their contempts the next Sessions.

**Houserom.** [213d] Upon readinge over the peticon of Elizabeth Fletcher, wife of Isaacke Fletcher of the parish of Bradford, who informeth that her husband beinge fledd for debt and left her with six small children in great want and pover-tie, who are to remoove owt of that howse where they nowe inhabite at May day next, and the said Isaacke Fletcher, when hee fledd the countrie, left a dwellinge howse in Little Hortonn, where one John Butterfeild now dwelleth, havinge two under-tenants in the same howse, ORDERED that the said Elizabeth Fletcher and her said children shalbee settled and remaine in the sayd howse, where the sayd Butterfeild nowe dwelleth, at May day next, as in right and equity shee ought, beinge poore and much necessitated.

**March bridge.** Upon certificate made unto this Court of the great ruine and decay of March bridge, nere Knaresbroughe, by William Mallory and Thomas Stockdale, esquires, two of the justices, and that the summe of fortie poundes will but repaire the same, beinge in the Booke of Bridges to be repaired at the charge of the country, ORDERED that the sayd summe shalbee estreated upon the said W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and payd over unto John Warrener, Richard Rodes, John Roundell, and Roberte Hill of Knaresburrough, who are desired by this Court to see the same husbandly bestowed for the repaire thereof, and to account for the same accordinglye.

**Fewston bridge.** [fol. 214] Upon readinge the peticon of John Banister and William Hardesty, surveyours of the worke at Fewstonbridge, who informeth that the sume of fortie five

poundes was allowed by order of this Court owt of the wapentake of Claro for the repaire of the bridge commonly called Fuistonbridge, *xxli.*, part thereof beinge already collected by the high constables of the sayd wapentacke, which remaines in their handes, and the other remainder is not yet given in charge to be collected by them, ORDERED that the sayd high constables shall forthwith pay and satisfie unto the said Banister and Hardestie the said summe of *xxli.* for the use aforesayd, and that the sayd high constables shall likewise extreate the sayd summe of *xxvli.* upon the inhabitants of the said wapentacke, and collecte and pay the same over unto the sayd surveiours, that the same may be husbandly bestowed for the repaire and finishinge of the sayd bridge.

**Ripon Northbridge.** Whereas Sir John Mallory, kt., Leonard Besson, William Staveley, and William Norton, esquires, have made certificate unto this Court of the great ruine and decay of Rippon Northbridge (beinge to be repaired at the equall charge of this W.R. and the N.R. of this county), soe that his Ma<sup>ties</sup> subiects cannot passe that wayes without great daunger, and that they, havinge viewed the said bridge, doe conceive that the summe of *lxxli.* will but repaire the same, ORDERED that the summe of *xxxvli.*, beinge the moietie of the sayd summe of *lxxli.*, shalbee extreated upon this W.R., and collected by the severall high constables there, and payd over unto Redshay and Maultus, aldermen of Rippon, to be ymployed for the repaire thereof, provided that the N.R. of this county doe joyne and equally contribute the like summe for the said worke.

**High constable.** ORDERED that Peter Sunderland, one of the high constables of Agbrigg and Morley, shall continue in his place till next Sessions, and then Tobie Barraclough to succeed him, and take the place upon him for three yeares then next ensueinge upon sight of this order.

**Stolen goods.** Forasmuch as Margaret Hodgson of the citty of Yorke, widdow, was at this present Sessions ready to prosecute one Elizabeth Precious for the felonious stealinge of a coate, beinge her goodes, which remaines in the handes of the constable of Hanging Heaton, ORDERED that the said constable shall, upon sight heereof, restore the said coate unto the said Margaret Hodgsonn, and this shall bee his warrant.

**Fire.** [fol. 215] Inasmuch as the inhabitants of the parish of Campsall have peticoned and informed this Court, that one Thomas Marrott of Haywood, in the said parish, beinge a pain-



full and industrious man, releivinge himselfe, his wife, his wives mother, and his owne children by his labour and endeavours, untill that upon Thursday, 28th Oct. last, there hapned in his howse a very suddaine and lamentable fier, which consumed and burnt to the ground his dwellinge howse, whereby hee and his familye are become harbourlesse, his corne, hay, howsehold goodes, beddinge, and all the apparell they had, soe that hee is utterly impoverished and decayed in his fortunes and estate, THIS COURT doeth therefore comend the consideracon of the sayd Marrott unto the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the parish of Campsall, and doe further desire the severall ministers and curates within the wapentake of Osgoldcrosse upon somme Lord's day to publish the contents heereof in their seaverall churches, etc., and the severall churchwardens to collecte, etc., towards the sayd Marrottes releife, etc.

**Aberford assessments.** Forasmuch as this Court is informed by Richard Couksonn and others, that they, occupieynge and enjoyinge somme landes at Brikay, in the parish of Abberford, are assessed unequally and unproporcionably in their layes and assessmentes, ORDERED that all layes and assessments hereafter to be made there shalbee made accordinge to the quantitye and qualitie of acres every one occupieth and enjoyeth, untill good cause be shewed to the contrarye.

**Arrears due to constable.** Upon reading the peticon of Thomas Elcocke, late constable of Chappelhadlesey, who informeth that hee is owt of purse, and hath disbursed the summe of xxxviij*s*. vj*d*. in the execucon of his office, which is arreare and behind unto him, ORDERED that the said Ellocke (*sic*) shall account for the monies by him received and disbursed, and if soe much monyes be arreare and due unto him, then the now constable forthwith to pay the said summe soe due unto him, withowt further delay.

**Monkfriston causeway.** [215*d*] Forasmuch as this Court is credibly informed of the great ruine and decaye of Munckfriston cawsey in the wapentake of Barkston Ashe, contayninge two miles and a haulfe in length, soe that his Ma<sup>tes</sup> subjects cannot passe and travaile there withowt daunger of their lives, forasmuch as the charge of the repaire of the said cawsey is too great a burthen, either to be repaired by the parishes of Munckfriston and Hambleton, in which parishes the said cawsey lyeth, or by the wapentake of Barkston, ORDERED that the summe of one hundred poundes shalbee extreated upon this W.R., and collected by the high constables there, and payed over unto Jervas Hamond, esq., one of the justices, whoe is

desired to see the same husbandly bestowed for the repaire of the sayd cawsey.

**Bridges.** For that severall summes of moneyes are already disbursed by Mr Francis Turner in appearinge to severall presentmentes before his Ma<sup>ties</sup> justices of Assize against the inhabitants of this W.R., for not repayingr the seaverall bridges of Gargrave, Skirden, and Hewicke, and takinge owt coppies of the said presentmentes, and thereupon yssues wilbe certified against the inhabitants of the said W.R., if speedy course be not taken to prevent the same, ORDERED that the summe of xli. be extreated upon the said W.R., as well for satisfieing the charges expended as aforesaid, as alsoe for discharginge the severall issues upon the said inhabitantes for the future, since hee undertooke the same.

**Huddersfield bridge.** Upon readinge over the peticon of the inhabitants of the parish of Huddersfeild, who informe that the bridge comonly called Huddersfeld bridge, in the wapentake of Agbrigg and Morley, beinge a very usefull and necessary bridge for the countrie, is through the violence of the water decayed and quite taken away, ORDERED that the summe of xxxli. shalbe extreated upon the W.R., and collected by the severall high constables there, and payd over unto Sir John Ramsden, knt., one of the justices, who is desired by this Court to see the same husbandly bestowed for the use aforesaid, or els to appoint such overseers as hee shall thincke fitt, but it is further ordered that the sayd W.R. shall not by reason heereof be charged or bound to repaire the said bridge heereafter.

**Carriage.** [fol. 216] Upon hearinge of William Tompsonn, gent., one of the high constables of the wapentake of Barkstonn, and John Graunger of Ferryfreiston about conveyinge of a carriage for his Ma<sup>ties</sup> service, ORDERED that the sayd Mr William Tompsonn shall pay and satisfie unto the sayd John Graunger the summe of xxxixs. vjd., which hee hath formerly disbursed in conveying of a carriage from Ferrifriston unto the cittie of Yorke, and the said summe to bee allowed unto the sayd Mr. Tompsonn upon his account.

**Foulby and Sharlston assessments.** For that diverse differences have depended betwixt the inhabitants of Folbye and Sharleston, beinge a joynt constabulary, about the ratinge and assessinge of their layes and assessments within the said constabulary, for avoydinge and preventinge all future differences ORDERED that an equall lay or assesment shall be rated and assessed within the said constabulary by theese persons followinge, for the village of Sharleston, Daniell Thorpe and



Samuell Heather, and for the village of Folbye, Thomas Roidhowse and John Willes, accordinge to the quantitie and qualitie of acres every one occupieth and enjoyeth, and they to make certificate thereof unto this Court the next Sessions, that the same may be confirmed accordinglye.

**To show cause.** Upon hearinge of John Booth of Bramham and John Dicconson *als.* Presse of the same, ORDERED that Gervas Hamond, esq., one of the justices, shall at his leasure call before him Christopher Bowman and Robert Bustard to shewe cause why they will not save harmeles the said Booth and Dicconson *als.* Presse of an indictment preferred against them in this Court for a trespas, they beinge poore workemen and ymployed in the worke of the said Bowman and Bustard, when the said trespas was committed.

**Carriages.** Upon hearinge the inhabitants of the constabularye of Whitwood, whoe informe that they are sore overcharged and overburdened by the high constables of the wapentake of Agbrigg and Morley in providinge and sendinge of carriages for the conveyinge his Ma<sup>tes</sup> howshouldstufte and other provisions into theese north parts, and soe backe into the sowtherne parts, contrary to their equall and just rate and proporcons observed in the sayd wapentacke, ORDERED that the highconstables there shall take espeaciall care heereafter to charge the said inhabitants equally and proporconably, as well for the said carriages, as for all other charges, as they will aunsweare the contrary at their perills.

**Stanley assessments.** [216*d*] Upon hearinge the inhabitants of Staneley, in the parish of Wakefeild, who alleadge that there is an inequality observed amongst them in the ratinge and assessinge their layes and assessments for the releife of their poore and other charges for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service, as alsoe for repaire of the church of Wakefeild, of which that constabularye is a member, ORDERED that an equall and proporconable assessment shalbe made there, as well for releife of the poore as for the said other charges and for repaire of the church, accordinge to the quantitie and qualitee of acres every one occupieth and enjoyeth, havinge a respect unto every man's perticuler personall estate, which is to be rated accordinglye, except the stocke which maintaynes his husbandrye within the sayd parish of Wakefeild.

**Wakefield Westgate Constable lay.** Forasmuch as diverse differences are dependinge amongst the inhabitants of Wakefeild Westgate about the proporconable and equall ratinge and assessinge a constable laye for his Ma<sup>tes</sup> service within that

constabularye, THIS COURT doeth heerby nominate and appointe John Mawde, gent., Henry Radcliffe, John Rodes, and Richard Grethrad, beinge fower sufficient inhabitants there, to rate a constable laye proporconably and equally upon the sayd inhabitants, and doeth order the said parties to meete and rate the same with effectuall speed, that his Mat<sup>ties</sup> service be not thereby hindred and prejudiced, and forasmuch as severall complaints are made unto this Court of diverse misdeameanours comitted and done by Arthure Frickley, duputy constable there, this Court doeth heerby discharge the sayd Frickley from the execucon of that office, and doeth order that a more fitt and able deputy be chosen for that service within that constabularye heereafter.

**Crofton assessments.** Forasmuch as it was formerly ordered at the generall quarter sessions houlden at Pontefracte, 4 May, 17 Chas. (1641), that the layes and assessments to be made within the parish of Crofton should be rated and assessed accordinge to the quantitie and qualitie of acres there, at the discretion of fower of the sayd inhabitants, who was to estimate every perticuler man's land within the said towne and parish, and make an assessement accordingly, provided that Oswald Sheapheard and William Scoley, two of the said inhabitants, should pay the arrearages of their assessments due by them, forasmuch as it appeareth to this Court upon oath that the said Sheapheard and Scoley have not payed the sayd arreares, accordinge to the contents of the said order, THIS COURT doeth therefore annihilate and make voide the same, and doeth order that the layes and assessments there shalbe rated and assessed as they have bin formerly accustomed.

**Plague.** [fol. 217] Forasmuch as it was formerly ordered that the summe of *ccli.* should be rated and assessed upon this W.R., and collected by the severall high constables there, and payd over unto John Kay, esq., Thomas Thornehill and Abraham Sunderland, esquires, three of his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices, for the releife of the poore visited and infected people of Hipperholme cum Brighowse, Shelfe, and Clifton, which monyes is not yet disposed or distributed amongst the said poore people accordinge to an other order of this Court, in reguard John Kay, esq., beinge one nominated by this Court as aforesaid to dispose thereof is lately dead, ORDERED that Sir John Savile, knt., one of the justices, shall joyne with the said Mr. Thornehill and Mr. Sunderland and dispose and proporcon, as well that sume aforesayd, as such monyes as Henry Gillott, servant unto the sayd Mr. Kaye, will account to them for, beinge re-



mainder of the monyes allowed to the visited people in Dewsberry, equally and indifferently amongst the said people, accordinge to every man's losse and charge, in persuance to the contents of the said former orders of this Court.

**Wakefield assessments.** Wheras the inhabitants of Wakefeild Westgate peticoned and informed this Court, that by a Statute made in 43 Eliz., intituled an acte for releife of the poore, it is amongst other thinges enacted that the churchwardens of every parish, and fower, three or two substantiall freehoulders there, as shalbee thought meete (havige respecte to the proporcon and greatnes of the sayd parish), to be nominated yearly in Easter weeke, or within a month after Easter under the handes and seales of two or more justices of peace, whereof one to be of quorum, dwellinge in or neare the same devision where the parish doeth lye, shalbee called overseers of the poore of the same parish, and they or the greater number of them shall take order for settlinge children to worke, and alsoe to rate weekly or otherwise (by taxacon of evry inhabitant, person, viccar, and others, occupiers of landes within their parish, or havige personall estates, in such compent (*sic*) summes of monye as they shall thincke fitt), a convenient stocke to sett the poore on worke, and competent summes of money towards the necessary releife of lame persons and others not able to worke, further declaringe that if any person or persons should find himsele greived or overcharged that, upon his complaynt at the next generall quarter sessions to his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices of peace there assembled, the same to bee by them their heard and determyned, and such their order to conclude all parties, as by the said statute doth appeare, and they further showed that the said towne of Wakefeild, beinge large and populous, there [217d] are severall churchwardens, overseers, and constables within the same, knowne by titles of churchwardens, overseers, and constables of Wakefeild Kirkgate, Wakefeild northgate, and Wakefeild westgate, all which, accordinge to the true meaneinge of the said statute, ought joyntlye to assemble themselves together to make an intier assesment for the releife of the poore and other common charges arisinge in the said towne, soe as every man might be equally assessed accordinge to his estate and substance, yet nevertheles the sayd churchwardens, overseers, and constables of Wakefeild Kirkgate and Wakefeild northgate, contrary to the said lawe, have separated themselves from the churchwardens, overseers, and constables of Wakefeild westgate, and made seaverall assessments within Wakefeild Kirkgate and

Wakefeild northgate, thereby byndinge the inhabitants of Wakefeild Westgate withowt consentinge or complyinge with the churchwardens, overseers, and constables of Wakefeild westgate, thereby excluding their power to their great prejudice and disadvantage, beinge much decayed in estate and their poore exceedingly increased, by which illegall assessment the inhabitantes of Kirgate and Northgate, beinge eased in all their common taxes and assessments, doe nowe refuse to joyne in one common assessement with those of Westgate accordinge to the said lawe, ORDERED that from henceforwardes all comon taxes, layes, and assessments shalbee made and assessed by the sayd churchwardens, overseers, and constables of Wakefeild Kirkgate, Wakefeild Northgate, and Wakefeild Westgate, conjunctively and not devidedly, equally and proporconably upon the inhabitants of the said towne, any acte, bylawe, order, use, or custome heertofore made, had, used, or enjoyed in anywise to the contrary notwithstandinge.

**Campsall assessments.** Upon hearing the inhabitants of Campsall, forasmuch as it appeareth that there is a difference betwixt the said inhabitantes and Godfrey Copley, esq., for the payment of layes and assessmentes for landes he occupieth and enjoyeth within that parish, THIS COURT doth entreat Darcy Washington, esquier, to veiwe the said landes, and examine the quantitie thereof, and rate the assessmentes in that parish accordinge to the quantitye and quality of the acres, and make certificate unto this Court, which will be confirmed accordingly.

**Askern assessments.** [fol. 218] Whereas thinhabitantes of Askerne have peticoned and informed this Court that diverse gent. and others, haveing landes within the saide towne, refuse to pay their proporconable rates for the releife of the poore and other services, although they have beene formerly assessed and have paide the same, yett now they become refractory and obstinate, ORDERED that equall assessmentes shalbe made hereafter amongst them, according to y<sup>e</sup> quantitie and qualitie of acres that every one occupieth and enjoyeth, as well for the releife of ye poore within that towne as all other laies and assessmentes whatsoever.<sup>1</sup>

[fol. 219]

Thñers,

John Kay, k<sup>t</sup> and Baron<sup>tt</sup>.

Charles Fairfax, esq.

<sup>1</sup> The other Orders made at this Court relate to Maintenance of Poor [214*d* (2)]; Provision for bastard child [213*d*]; Provision of houseroom [214*d*]; and Settlement [214*d*].



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Henry Duckitt	.	.	xls.	
Robert Brigges	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	
John Watson	.	.	v <i>li</i> .	
William Ramskarr	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	
Francis Hamerton	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	
John Hornby	.	.	v <i>li</i> .	
Rich. Washington	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	xs.
Brian Fawcett	.	.	v <i>li</i> .	
George Bosseville	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	
Emanuel Justice	.	.	vj <i>li</i> .	
Robert Benson	.	.	v <i>li</i> .	
John Sisson	.	.	xls.	
William Fletcher	.	.	xls.	
Francis Batley	.	.	xxxs.	
George Doyley	.	.	xxxs.	
Thomas Browne	.	.	ls.	
Richard Taylor	.	.	ls.	
Thomas Robinson	.	.	xls.	
William Marshall	.	.	xxxs.	
John Witton	.	.	xxxs.	
John Gray	.	.	xls.	
Thomas Butterfeild	.	.	ls.	
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William Wythes	.	.	viiij <i>li</i> .	
John Broxupp	.	.	v <i>li</i> .	
Mich. Jubb	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	
William Milner	.	.	xls.	
George Readman	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	
George Gray	.	.	xxxs.	
Thomas Clarke	.	.	xxxs.	
Nicholas Milner	.	.	xls.	
Richard Clayton	.	.	xs., incr.	xs. de novo.
William France	.	.	xxs.	
Jeremie Evers	.	.	vj <i>li</i> .	xiijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Mallorie Normavile	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	
[219 <i>d</i> ] Samuell Cawdrey	.	.	xxxs.	
Roger Wentworth	.	.	xxvjs.	viiij <i>d</i> ., incr. xiijs.
William Broadhead	.	.	xxs.	iiij <i>d</i> . de novo.
John Browne	.	.	xls.	
William Singleton	.	.	xls.	
Thomas Haighe	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .	
Thomas Twedall	.	.	xls.	

Thomas Kay	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .
George Thackwrey	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .
Henry Lee	.	.	xxxs.
Raife Normavile	.	.	v <i>li</i> ., incr. xxs. de novo.
George Feild	.	.	xxxs.
Robert Jameson	.	.	xxxs., incr. xs. de novo.
Joseph Scolefeild	.	.	xs.
Raife Boynton	.	.	xls.
William Steele	.	.	xls.
Thomas Dicconson	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .
John Fletcher	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> .
Robert Beale	.	.	viiij <i>li</i> .
Thomas Lillie	.	.	v <i>li</i> . xiijs. iij <i>d</i> .
Thomas Moreby	.	.	xxs., incr. xs. de novo.
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John Morehouse	.	.	xxs.
William Benson	.	.	xls.
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Robert Scott	.	.	xxxs.
George Pate	.	.	xxs.
Nicholas Eccles	.	.	xxxs.
Thomas Adcocke	.	.	xxs.
all. John Liversedge	.	.	xls. Suspend. for abuse- ing Roger Portington, esq., being Th̃rer the last yeare.
all. Andrewe Hatton	.	.	iiij <i>li</i> . Suspended because he liveth within the towne of Pontefr., who will not pay any assess- ment to lame soldiers, therefore he not to have any pencon out of y <sup>e</sup> country.

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SKIPTON.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 213] General Sessions of the Peace, also Gaol Delivery, by virtue of the King's Letters Patent, dated at Beverley, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, held at, on Tuesday



next after the feast of St Thomas the Martyr, viz. the 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, and continued there for the space of one day, before William Mallorye, James Metcalfe, Richard Lowther, and Edward Parker, esquires, Justices, and thence by adjournment to Wakefield on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> July, for two days, and thence by adjournment to Rotherham on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, for two days.

**JURORS** — Christopher Wade of Kilnsey, gent., John Walker of Hungerhill, gent., Robert Benson of Hulton, gent., Henry Riley of Boulton, yeoman, Thomas Peele of Houlden, George Aynesworth of Boulton, Richard Ellell of Houlden, Thomas Holmes of Dovestones, William Waite of Langbargh, William Thorpe of Fewston, Joshua Smithson of the same, James Reynor of Kilnsey, Thomas Clarke of Goosemoreheight, John Lambert of Kilnsey, and W<sup>m</sup> Dransfeild of Sutton, yeomen.

[213*d*] **WHO PRESENT**—William Horner of Lofthouse in Netherdale, yeoman, for killing and carrying away on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1642, at Woodall, one steer, the property of W<sup>m</sup> Bayne. Witn., John Hanley, Christopher Beckwith. (At large.)

That the common bridge called Slaydburne Bridge, within the Wapentake of Staincliffe, and over the river of Hodder, leading between the market town of Skipton and the town of Lancaster, is now in great decay for lack of repair, and that the inhabitants of the West Riding ought to repair the same bridge. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Kinge, Rob. Raingill, Rob. Wilkinson, John Smithson, John Hayrst. (Is referred to Richard Lowther and Edward Parker to view, etc.)

That the King's highway leading between the market towns of Wetherby and Doncaster, within the parish of Collingham, is now in great decay, etc. Witn., Richard Canbye.

[fol. 214] John Powell of Rawden, husbandman, and John Harryson of the same, butcher, for assaulting and maltreating Nicholas Peace at Yeadon on the 30 June, 1642. Witn., John Bateman, Richard Peace, Nich. Peace. (At large.)

Thomas Lawson, junior, of Lawkland, yeoman, for that on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1642, and at divers other times, before and after, he was and still is a common Barrator, perturber of the Peace, and oppressor of his neighbours, exciting among them divers law suits and discords. Witn., Tho. Tennant, William Bradley, Ric. Wilkinson, Thomas Lawson, Thomas Armistead. (At large.)

Anthony Symondson of Starbottom, husbandman, for unlawfully killing on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1632 (*sic*), at Kettlewell, in a place there called the Firth, a gray (*coloris glauci*) mare, value £5, the property of Edward Ward, gent. Witn., Henry Ward, Richard Tennant. (At the same Session puts himself.)

[214*d*] Francis Atkinson of Rayhead in Bolton, husbandman, for that on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 1641(-2), and on divers days, before and after, he was, and still is, a common barrator, etc. Witn., Tho. Lister, jun<sup>r</sup>, Hen. Ellis, Tho. Lawson, W<sup>m</sup> Atkinson, John Swinglehirst, James Gelderd, W<sup>m</sup> Usherwood, Robt. Battersbye, Ric. Boccocke, Robt. Usherwood, Tho. Read, W<sup>m</sup> Carr, Ric. Hamond, Margaret Airtton, John Parkinson. (At same Session puts himself.)

Robert Sargeson of Long Preston, husbandman, for taking, stealing, and carrying away on the last day of Feb., 1638(-9), at Broughton, a coulter value 2s., and a ploughshare value 6*d.*, the property of Henry Clough. The said Robert Sargeson, under the custody of Francis Stamper, gent., deputy of Thomas Gower, knight, Sheriff of Yorkshire, was led to the bar, and on being asked, said that he was not guilty, and thereon puts himself upon the country. Let a Jury come, etc., and the Jurors say that he is not guilty of the felony aforesaid, nor did he ever withdraw himself. Therefore it is determined that he be thereof acquitted, and go without a day. (Acquitted.)

[fol. 215] The inhabitants of the parish of Bentham are summoned to amend and repair the King's highway in Kirkgate Loane, and the bridge called Ragill bridge, over the river of Aspland, being the King's highway from Richmond to [*blank*], in the town, fields, and territories of Ingleton, in the parish of Bentham, being now ruinous and in great decay, before the next General Sessions, under a penalty of £20. Presented by the Grand Jury on the information of Richard Lowther, esq., one of the Justices. (They appeared, and pleaded, and were bound to process at the next Session at Skipton.)

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**Orders.**

[Ord. Bk. A, fol. 220.]<sup>1</sup>

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**WAKEFIELD.**

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 216.] General Sessions and Gaol Delivery held at, by adjournment, on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, before

<sup>1</sup> On this folio is the heading of the Court held at Skipton, with the list of justices, but no orders. The Order Book A ends abruptly at this point.



John Kay, k<sup>t</sup> and bart., George Wentworth, k<sup>t</sup>, Edward Stanhope, esq., James Metcalfe,<sup>1</sup> esq., Francis Nevill, esq., Thomas Thornehill, esq., and Abraham Sunderland, esq., Justices.

JURORS—James Geare, gent., Thomas Houldsworth of Southowram, gent., Robert Howldsworth of Saxton, gent., John Danniell of Biggin, John Nelson of Newland, Ranulph Briggs of Roundhay, Samuel Midgley of Burdenhead, William Ouldroyd of Bramhopp, Robert Leach of Baildon, Christopher Wilson of Wakefeild, Robert Barke of Ossett, Thomas Hepworth of the same, Robert Thompson of Wakefeild, Jonas Woodhead and Robert Pighells.

WHO PRESENT—Matthew Marshe, yeoman, Abraham Bynns, laborer, John Marstin, laborer, and John Browne, laborer, all of Hepworth,<sup>2</sup> for on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1642, between the hours of 2 and 3 at night, burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling-house of John Ibbottson at Long Edge, Susan his wife and his servants being then in the house, and stealing one black cow, value £3 13s. 4d., his property. Witn., Jo. Ibbotson, Ro. Broadhead.

William Smyth, laborer, Phillis Chambers, widow, Anne Dinesdale, and Alice Staineley, spinsters, all of Wigton, for stealing there on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1642, a lamb, value 5s., the property of John Newsome. Witn., Jo. Newsom, Clement Ra . . . . .

[216d] Richard Heptonstall and George Heptonstall of Altofts, laborers, for taking, stealing, and carrying away there on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1642, a coat value 2s. 6d., a pair of "bretches" (*par caligarum*) value 2s. 6d., the property of W<sup>m</sup> Peake, *als*. Peacocke. Witn., Tho. Nalson.

Edward Arrundale of Wakefeild, laborer, and Isabel his wife, for taking, stealing, and carrying away there on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1642, six yards of woollen cloth, value 5s. a yard, the property of John Gallowey. Witn., Miles Sandiford, Jo. Gallowey.

Thomasine Smith of Bradford, spinster, for taking, stealing, and carrying away at Ossett, on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1642, "a curten, a royfe, and two handkerchifes," value 4s., the property of Robert Roades. Witn., Rob. Roades.

Edmund Tattersall of Wakefeild, laborer, for taking, stealing, etc., there on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, three yards of broad cloth, value 15s., the property of Thomas Stoote. Witn., Miles Sandiford, Jo. Gallowey.

<sup>1</sup> Of Nappa, born 1604; Barrister-at-Law, Recorder of the borough of Richmond. Married (1) Margaret Hicks; (2) Anne Coleby. He died 1671.

<sup>2</sup> A township in the parish of Kirkburton, Agbrigg Division of Agbrigg and Morley, liberty of Wakefield, 6½ miles from Huddersfield.

Margaret Ward *als.* Hollings of Adwalton and Thomas Tilston of Wakefeild, clothdresser, for taking, stealing, etc., on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1642, at Heckenwike, 5 yards of broad cloth, value 14s., the property of Robert Smith. Witn., Rob. Smith, . . . . . Sandiford.

[fol. 217] Jonas Hemingway of Ovenden, yeoman, for taking, stealing, etc., on 16 May, 1642, at Northland, 7 yards of "keirse," value 12s., the property of Abraham Greenwood. Witn., Ab. Greenwood, Mich. Birch.

Richard Beckett of Snowhill in Stanley, collier, for on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1642, at Owstropp, within the demesne of Stanley, assaulting and maltreating W<sup>m</sup> Dodgion. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Dodgion, Ro. Maude.

Jonas Robertshawe of Stansfeild, clothier, for on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1642, at Halifax, assaulting and maltreating Oliver Ashworth. Witn., Oliver Ashworth, Hen. Kitchen.

William Dodgion of Ouchthorp, yeoman, Geo. Anderton of Leeds, laborer, and Robert Wardell of Bromehall, laborer, for on 6 April, 1642, at Stanley, in a place there called Midlefeild, on the King's way, assaulting and maltreating Richard Beckett. Witn., W<sup>m</sup> Goodison, Rich. Beckett.

[217d] George Gledhill of Okenshawe, husbandman, and Edmund Duncalfe of Woolley, laborer, for on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1642, at Criglestone demanding under color of their office, and extortionately taking from one Thomas Wright, for the execution of a writ directed by the Sheriff, 3s. 2d., when in truth no such fee was due. Witn., Tho. Wright.

Richard Shann of Methley, yeoman, for on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1642, assaulting and maltreating Elizabeth Turner, wife of Samuel Turner, at Methley. Witn., Elizabeth Turner.

Tho. Marsh of Barghe, yeoman, Robert Hargrave of Criglestone, laborer; and Sarah his wife, for on 29 May, 1642, forcibly entering the house of Thomas Leake at Criglestone, assaulting and maltreating him, and taking away one hat (*galer'*), value 6s., his property. Witn., Tho. Leake, Jervas Booth.

Tho. Leake of Sandall, yeoman, for on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1642, forcibly breaking and entering about 11 a.m. the dwelling-house of Robert Hargrave at Criglestone, and taking away £3 5s. therein, his property. Witn., Ro. Hargrave.

[fol. 218] John Freckleton of Ossett, carrier, Robert Faireburne of the same, yeoman, Christofer Faireburne of the same, yeoman, and George Moore of Wakefeild, yeoman, for on the 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, at Hagges, unlawfully taking and carrying away 4 cartloads of stones, value 10s., the property of Robert Bargh. Witn., Ro. Bargh.



George Claye of Ealand cum Greetland, gent., for on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1642, assaulting and maltreating at Hallifax John Helliwell. Witn., Jo. Helliwell.

Jonas Peirson of Wyke, in the parish of Birstall, yeoman, for on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1642, assaulting and maltreating Thomas Roades at Wakefeild, and also taking and carrying away 13s. 8d., his money. Witn., Tho. Roades, Edw. Pillinge.

Thomas Haigh of Nusam, clothier, Katherine his wife, and W<sup>m</sup> Haigh of the same, clothier, for on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1642, assaulting and maltreating Thomas Langley at Hothersfeild Bridge. Witn., Tho. Langley, Tho. Hirst, W<sup>m</sup> Farrer, Ro . . . . .

[218d] Robert Smyth of Horbury, clothier, for on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1642, assaulting and maltreating Margarett Thackwrey, wife of John Thackwrey, at Wakefeild. Witn., Stephen Snell, Margarett Thackwrey.

John Haigh of Hallifax, clothier, for on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1642, unlawful taking and carrying away there sixteen hundred of redwood value £28, and twelve hundred of blockwood value £21, the property of John Wayde. Witn., Jo. Denton, Jeremiah Scott, James Denton, Ellen Crosley, Jonathan Crowther, Jona. Denton, Mary Bamforth, W<sup>m</sup> Parkin.

Robert Exley, yeoman, John Exley, yeoman, and Michaell Weardley, laborer, all of Hallifax, for on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1642, riotously assembling and entering a messuage in the peaceful possession of Febe (Phœbe) Eglan, forcibly expelling her therefrom, and so keeping her out of possession from then until now. Witn., Febe Eglan.

[No Orders.]

### ROTHERAM.

[Ind. Bk. A, fol. 220] General Sessions held at, by adjournment, on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, before John Reresby, bart., George Wentworth, kt., William West, Robert Rockley, and John Mauleverer, esquires, Justices.

JURORS—Nathaniel Ayre of Bramley, gent., Richard Warde of the same, gent., Thomas Lord of Brampton, gent., Thomas Lawson of Mesbrough, gent., Richard Cudworth of Eastfeild, gent., Robert Hawkesworth of Sugworth, gent., William Wareinge of South Kirkby, gent., John Bright of Whorlowe, gent., James Pashley of Maultby, gent., John Nelson of Gillingwells, gent., W<sup>m</sup> Cudworth of Wosbrough, John Wright of Ackworth, George Smyth of Masbrough, Edward Ibbotson of Moorewood, and Richard Pinder of Menston.

WHO PRESENT—Katherine Chapman, wife of Richard Chapman of Hansworth, laborer, for taking, stealing, etc., there on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1641(-2), thirteen slippings of linen yarn and a slipping of harding yarn value 24s., and two table napkins (*sudar' mens'*) value 12d., the property of Elizabeth Bromhead, widow.

Nicholas Cadman of Rotheram, laborer, for taking, stealing, and driving away on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1642, at Wales, in the West Riding of Yorks., three ewes and three lambs, value 15s., the property of Henry Yowle.

*[About twenty leaves have been cut out of the book here.]*



## APPENDIX A.

### High Constables.

(*Yorks. Arch. Society's MS.*, 38.)

[fol. 60*d*] Anno Domini 1610, 8 James.

Att the Sessions holden att Pontefract att Easter last in this present eight yeare of his Ma<sup>tes</sup> raigne (which are alwayes generall for y<sup>e</sup> whole W.R.), Itt was ordered by the justices of peace there that all the head constables should bringe in their accomptes against the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, and upon the earnest suite of diverse and the best and most honest of the high constables, who hadd served longe and desired to bee discharged, it was also ordered that all ye high constables within the W.R., who hadd served by the space of three yeares or more, should bee discharged, and there were sufficient and able men without all exception, then named and appointed, to come and take their oathes att the next Sessions.

All this is accordingly performed.

But in the meane tyme somme of the old high constables, loth to bee removed, labour to great persons and sollicite their freindes, such as were not att y<sup>e</sup> generall sessions, to mislike of this alteracon as a noveltie not warranted by presidente of this or other counties, a thinge tendinge to the disgrace of such high Constables as have well deserved, and a thinge which may for lacke of some experience in the new bee a hinderance to the service.

[fol. 61] There seeme to bee these objections:—

Whereunto is answered that if the place bee a place of burden, trouble, and cumber (as it seemes it is by the suite made by diverse of them to bee discharged), then is itt great reason to free such as have served well for three yeares, and let them rest three yeares, and if the justices of peace thinke fitt they may appointe them to serve againe.

If the high constable make it a place of gaine and profitt, as somme of them doe who labour to continue, then it is more reason to remove them.

It can bee noe disgrace to any, because the discharg was generall of all by order made. It is presumed upon the finishinge their accomptes to grace such as have deserved well.

The first tyme that high constables were appointed here was about the 17<sup>th</sup> yeare of the late Queene Eliz : her raigne, and in their first institucon it was sett downe that they should bee but for three yeares.

The Statutes provide for all ministeriall officers as for the Sheriffe, the escheater, the treasurer for lame souldiers, surveyors of high wayes, overseers for the poore, and diverse other, even that they shalbee but for a yeare, and soe by proporcon of those Statutes and by use for other officers three yeares is sufficient for a high constable.

[61*d*] Experience hath taught us that most of the high constables make it a place of gaine, and some one of them hath dyed above fiftie pounds knowen indebted to the country, and noe meanes lefte to gett any parte of itt after his death, viz. Jo : Smith, treasurer for ye lame souldiers, haveinge continued six or seaven yeares dyed above 150*li*. indebted to the country, and lefte nothinge to pay it with.

By this discharge the accomptes wilbee better looked to, and if any have cause to complaine it will have freer passage when they are out of office, then itt could or would have whilst they are in place.

Upon perusall and dilligent examinacon of the accomptes of the treasurers there remaines in their handes towards a house of correcon 265*li*., besides some not accompted yett.

Wee are in good hope that upon finishinge of the high constables accomptes there will remaine somme good somme of money in somme of their handes towards the building of a house of correcon.

Now concerneinge the three objecons, the first that it is without example, to that is answered that in some cuntryes well governed this custome is used, but is not matteriall if this bee the better way, which tryall and experience shall determine.

The second that it wilbee a disgrace to those that have served well, to that it is sayd, it is generall and therefore [fol. 62] noe disgrace, besides upon the deliveringe of the accomptes it is proposed to discover such as have deserved to bee displaced, and to grace and commende such as have done well and deserved comendacons, and att three yeares end or sooner they may bee made againe.

Thirdly, that by want of experience in the new high constable's now appointed the service will receive somme hinderance. To that is answered, that the new choice is of men soe sufficient and soe well experienced that there can bee noe feare



of that, and there place consists upon nothinge but wryteing there warrantés for collections to the petty constables, receipt of moneys, punishment of rogues, and orderinge of servantes and masters, and other such like matters, which require more labour then skill, and more honesty then cuningge or policie. And also consider that all ye services were performed before there were high constables, as well as ever they have beene sithence, for the bayliffes of the wapentackes did warne the musters and subsidies and such generall services, and may doe still in steade of high constables.

The high constables doe clayme these allowances,  
vizt.:—

<sup>1</sup>First, xij*d.* in the pound for collection of all the moneys which within the space of some one yeare and within one hundredreth or wapentacke is 500*li.*, and that amountes to 25*li.*

[62*d.*] Then all his charges upon every journey whereof many are needles, or made more for his owne affaires then for the necessitie of the buisynes. And when they are employed for musters, or conducting of souldiers to the muster m<sup>r</sup> or capt., they challenge [*blank*] shillings a day.

Then they demaund of the petty constable 4*d.* for everie acquittance, which amounteth to xvij*d.* a yeare for every constabulary for the moneys collected onely for ye lame souldiers, which they will not receive without. Besides for all other sommes they give acquittances, and for those they take 4*d.* a peice. But this in some of the hundredreths is brought to ij*d.* for every acquittance, which is 8*d.* a yeare out of every constabulary.

The high constables doe call in once or twice a yeare by warrantés all the servantes within their wapentackes, and comaund them to appeare before them to enter their names, their wages, there tearme for which they are hyred, and take a penny a peice for this of every servant.

Whether these bee lawfull or convenient, or what is convenient, wee desire to bee directed.

The oath of a chiefe constable:—

You shall well and truely exercise the office of a high constable within the wapentacke of A, and duely and truely keepe your petty sessions, and receive and take all informacons and presentmentes to you made [fol. 63] and presented, and returne and certifie the same accordingly. All manner of bloodshedes, assaultes, and affrayes and outcryes, done and committed within the same wapentacke,

<sup>1</sup> "Late extortions" written in the margin in a different hand.

accordinge to your best knowledge you shall present. All manner of writtes, warrantes and preceptes, to you lawfully directed, you shall duely and truely execute. You shall dilligently endeavour your selfe to take felons and vagabonds, and doe your office upon them accordinge to the lawes and Statutes made and provided in that behalf. You shall also enquire of all defaultes in under constables within ye said wapentacke, and ye same with their names certifie att the next Sessions of the peace followinge after the same enquiry hadd. The K. Maties peace in your owne person you shall as much as in you lyeth conserve and keepe, and in all other thinges that appertaine to your office you shall well and truely behave yourselfe. Soe helpe you God, etc.

## APPENDIX B.

### Directions from the Justices of Assize to the Justices of Peace.

(*Yorks. Arch. Society's MS.*, 38.)

[fol. 110] My Lords the Justices of Assize do desire the (16 Jacobi, 1618) Justices of Peace of this Countie to observe these directions hereafter ensueing, that their Loppes may have an accompt thereof att the next Assize, because they are thereof to render an accompt to the Kinge.

1. Inprimis to be carefull that the law bee putt in execucon against those yt absent themselves from devine service, be they either papists, puritans, idle or loose people.

And if they bee women coverte, children or servants, and have noe goodes to satisfie the penaltie of the law, then they are to bee comitted to prison.

2. That once in a yeare in the generall sessions holden next after Easter, the churchwardens and constables doe present the names of all recusants, their chyldren above nyne yeares of age, servants, and sojourners in their houses, and retayners that are recusants, and to execute yt branch of the Statute of *xli.* a moneth upon the Mr or Mrs of the families, and to execute the law upon those that doe christen, marry, or bury contrary to the law.

[110d] 3. To watch the houses where the Mr or Mrs are recusants for popishe or seditious books, and other reliques of popery.



4. That the Justices of Peace doe urge the recusants to take the oathe of allegiance, soe farr as convenientlie they may, the manner to bee in this fashon ; to soimmon by warrants the recusants to appeare before them att some convenient tyme and place in their severall devidions, and the names of them yt refuse, or make default to appeare before them upon sommons proved, to certifie to the Justices of Assize.

5. It is desired by my lordes the Judges that the Justices of Peace doe see the Statute for the poore executed, in provideing releife for those yt are not able to labour, stocks to imploy and sett them on woorke that are able to labour, to rayse money to bind chyl dren apprentices, whose parents are not able to releive them, and to doe their endeavour to gett M<sup>rs</sup> for those children to bee apprentices, which may [fol. 111] bee done convenientlie in this sort, when they doe meet to take accompt of the churchwardens after Easter, then to require the churchwardens to bringe with them a lyst of all the names of all such children as are fitt to bee bound apprentices, and of all such as are fitt to take apprentizes, and if any that bee fitt in their opinions to take apprentices doe refuse, then to binde them to appeare att the next Assizes, to answer the same.

6. Yf any that are fitt to bee imployed in woorke doe refuse, or bee negligent, or spoyle their worke, to send them to the house of Correction.

7. That the number of alehouses bee abated, and that in townes that bee noe thorowe faires or markett townes there bee few or none allowed.

8. That noe justice allowe any alhouskeeper, that is formerlie discharged by any Justice of Peace, except itt bee in publique sessions.

[111d] 9. That the suretyes taken of alehouskeepers, and the alehouskeepers themselves, bee sufficient, and the recognizances bee duely certified to the next quarter sessions, and that prosecucon thereof bee had against the offenders, and such as are found to transgresse to bee suppressed for 3 yeares.

10. That noe reteyners, bayliffes of wappentacks or liberties, or constables bee allowed to bee alehouskeepers.

11. That cottages newlie erected, contrary to the law, bee suppressed, especially those that bee in high wayes, woodes, forrests, or other inconvenient places.

12. That the bayliffes of every wapentack and libertie within this countie, before Michaelmas sessions next, doe deliver to the next justices a perfect booke of all freeholders within them (excepting all such as are poore, verie old, impotent, or

unable to doe service), and not to retorne any unlesse they bee sufficient freeholders, or have longe leases for [fol. 112] many yeares, and that the Justices shall extract fourth of that book the names of all such freeholders as are fittest for the service of the Assizes and generall gaiole delivery, and make a booke of them. And shall likewise extract fourth of that booke the names of all such freeholders as are fittest for the service of the sessions of peace, and likewise make an other booke of them, and deliver both the said bookes soe made to the Sheriffe of the county to retourne jurors for the said severall services accordinglie.

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## APPENDIX C.

### Bridges.

(*Yorks. Arch. Society's MS.*, 38.)

[fol. 158] Bridges repaired upon severall orders of Sessions, beinge not in y<sup>e</sup> booke of bridges.

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| Harden.   | Harden bridge repaired by the parrishes of Bingley and Bradforth. Pontfract, y <sup>e</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup> of [blotted], ix Jac. (1611).                        |
| Sawley.   | Sawley bridge repaired by the W.R.; same Sessions, but with caution to be soe no more.  |
| Darfeild. | Darfeild bridge repaired by Straford and Tickill, Staincrosse, and Osgoldcrosse, 4 July, 9 Jac. (1611).   |
| Bentham.  | Bentham bridge repaired by Staincliffe and Ewcrosse, 9 Jac. (1611).   |
| Helwith.  | Helwith repaired as Bentham.  |
| Pichell.  | Pichell bridge repaired by ye parrish of Thornton.  |
| Clapham.  | Clapham church bridges repaired by Ewcrosse.  |
| Inghey.   | Inghey bridge repaired by Staincliffe.  |
| Tanfeild. | Upon request of ye Judges xxxli. was allowed oute of y <sup>e</sup> W.R. for Tanfield, lyinge between the W. and N. rideinge, 9 <sup>th</sup> of James (1611).  |
| Ingleton. | Ingleton bridge, 16 <sup>th</sup> of July, 10 <sup>th</sup> of Jac. (1612), 60li. ordered to be estreated on ye W.R. It was not knowne who were to repaire itt. |



- Silsden. Sildsden bridge by the parrish of Kildwicke. Skipton Sessions, y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of July, 11<sup>th</sup> of James (1613).
- Thornton. Thornton bridge over Greta. Ordered xxx*li.* on ye W.R., 11<sup>th</sup> of Jac. (1613), and then to be repaired by Ewcrosse. 3 Aprill, 1649, a gratuity granted.
- Hampstwait. Hampstwaite bridge repaired by Claro wap., 13<sup>th</sup> Jac. (1615).
- Connyston. Coniston in Kettlewell, over Wharfe, xxx*li.* levied on ye W.R., but never to be charged more, ye 3 October, 13<sup>th</sup> of K. James (1615).
- [158*d*]  
Hothersfeild. Hotherfield bridge repaired by ye wap. of Agge bridge and Morley. Pont., 3 Aprill, 14<sup>th</sup> Charles (1638).
- Cooper. Cooper bridge over ye river Calder, new edified of stone, 350*li.* allowed upon ye W.R. Pont. Sessions y<sup>e</sup> 3 Aprill, 14<sup>th</sup> of Car. (1638).
- Gargrave. Gargrave bridge, new built of stone. Ordered 350*li.* on Staincliffe and Ewcrosse and Claro, have 200*li.* on ye W.R. Pont., 3 Aprill, 14<sup>th</sup> Car. (1638).
- Crookey. Crookey laine bridge repaired by Ewcrosse, ii July, 15 Car. (1639).
- Hubram. Hubram bridge by Stainclife and Ewcrosse, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan., 15 Car. (1639-40).
- Hambleton causey. Hambleton causey repaired by gratuity.
- Mirfeild. Mirfield bridge by Agge bridge and Morley. Pontfract Sessions, 14<sup>th</sup> of Aprill, 16<sup>th</sup> of Car. (1640).
- Fewston. Fewston bridge repaired by Claro, 16<sup>th</sup> Car. (1640).
- Winterburne. Winterburne bridge by Staincliffe and Ewcrosse.
- Eastburne. Eastburne repaired by Staincliffe and Ewcrosse. Pont., 17 Apr., xxiiij Caroli (1647), xx*li.* estreated on ye W.R. as a gratuity.
- Carleton. Carleton bridge by ye wap. of Staincliffe and Ewcrosse. Skipton Sessions, the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, xxiiij Caroli (1647).

Bentham.	Bentham bridge repaired as aforesaid ii July, 24 <sup>th</sup> of Charles (1648).
Holme.	Holme bridge repaired as aforesaid.
Bloberhouse.	Blobursus bridges repaired by Staincliffe and Ewcrosse and Claro, ye eleventh of July, xxiiij Caroli (1648).
Lockwood.	Lockwood bridge by ye parish of Almondbury, 19 <sup>th</sup> Ap., 1653.
New bridge.	New bridge in ye parrish of Hampstwaite by wap. of Claro, ye 4 <sup>th</sup> of October, 1658.
Barden.	Barden bridge, not beinge knowne who ought to repaire itt, ordered a greate summe upon ye W.R., being 300 <i>li</i> . Pont. Sess., 1659.

#### APPENDIX D.

##### **Fees of the Clerk of the Peace.**

(*Yorks. Arch. Society's MS.*, 38.)

##### I.

[fol. 114] To the Hono<sup>ble</sup> kt. Sr Ferdinando Fairfax att Knarsbrough, present these.

Honoble Sir,

There has of late beene taken from the accustomed fee of the Clarke of the Peace for licences of alehouses, onely within Claro and nowhere els, 4<sup>d</sup>, which was thus divided, 2<sup>d</sup> to my clarks for writing the licence and 2<sup>d</sup> to the bayliffes for summoning the constables and alehouskeepers, which was ever till of late paid in Claro, and was ever and still is allowed and paid without any deniall through the whole W.R. I presume I may bouldlie affirme yt these is the least fee taken by the clarke of the p. in the W.R. for an alehouskeepers licence then is in any countie of England. I should bee sorie to neglect my service soe much as to have the accustomed fee taken from my place, and to bee as loth to exact anything yt is undue. I doe therefore humblie beseech you to give way yt the old fee may bee taken, which I presume the rest of my M<sup>rs</sup>, his Mat<sup>ties</sup> justices, will assent unto. I had waited in this service myselfe in person to have moved this to the bench, if but for other urgent occasions which I trust you will vouch safe to accept for excuse, etc.

Att your hono<sup>ble</sup> commandement to doe you service,

Cha : Radclyffe.

Threshfeild, 3 Aprilis,

1632.



## II.

[fol. 127] To our trusty and welbeloved all and singuler, our justices of peace in the W.R. of our county of Yorke, or any fower of them, whereof one to be of the quorum for the peace in that riddinge.

By the Kinge.

Trusty and welbeloved we grett you well. And whereas informacon is given to our President and Counsell in the North, yt it is not generally knowne in severall riddings in our county of Yorke what be the due and just fees belonginge to ye severall clarks of ye peace in their divisions, for ye dispatch of such matters as arise and grow within the sessions of peace, whereby (as we our said President and Counsell are informed) there be divers of our subjects in these parts, which have often times found themselves greeved by the payment of such fees as have beene demanded of them (albeit it may be the same were due and just fees and not wrongfully exacted), Now for ye better sattisfaction of our subjects touching ye premisses, and for divers other good causes and consideracons us, our said President and Counsell moveing, wee will and require you, and by vertue hereof authorize, [127*d*] straitly charge and comand you, and every of you, our justices of peace in the W.R. of our said county, or any foure of you, whereof one to be of ye quorum for ye peace in that ridding, to call before you ye clearke of ye peace of ye said ridding, and such other clearkes which have formerly served in any place of under clearkshipp att ye Sessions, and as well by them as by all and every other person or persons who can give informacon touching this service, as by all other good wayes and meanes you shall thinke mete, to inquire what the due and usuall fees of the clearke of the peace be, which have bene most accustomably taken by ye more part of thirty yeares last past, and the same to set downe in writeing, and returne and certifie unto our said President and Counsell before the feast of Penticost next coming, to thend our said President and Counsell may take such further order touching the premises as they shall thinke convenient. Faile yee not hereof as we especially trust you, and as you will answer ye contrary at your perrill. Yeeven under our signett at our cittie of Yorke ye fifth day of March, the ninth yeare<sup>1</sup> of our raigne.

And by his Counsell.

<sup>1</sup> " Jacobi " written in the margin, in another hand.

[fol. 128]<sup>1</sup> The execucon of this comission doth appeare in a certaine schedule or paper thereto annexed.

West ridd. A note of such fees as now are and heretofore comitat. Ebor. have ben taken by the clark of ye peace for the W.R. of ye co. of Yorke.

(viz.)

For every appearance upon a recognizance for the peace or <i>ad comparend</i> . . . . .	} ijs.
For every discharge, or binding over upon the said recognizance . . . . .	} ijs.
For every appearance upon a recognizance for the good behaviour . . . . .	} iijs.
For every discharge or binding over upon ye same recognizance . . . . .	} iijs.
For the coppie of an indictment signed by the clearke of peace . . . . .	} ijs.
For ye coppie of a presentment likewise signed. . . . .	xvj <i>d</i> .
For the returne of a <i>certiorari</i> . . . . .	vjs. vii <i>d</i> .
For every lycence of a badge . . . . .	ijs.
For taking knowledg of and inroling of deedes or indentors of bargan and saile <i>scdm. stat.</i> . . . .	} ijs. v <i>d</i> .
For every copie of an order signed by ye Cl. of peace	ijs.
For a warrant for peace, good behaviour, or <i>ad</i> <i>respondendum</i> . . . . .	} ijs.
For a <i>supersed. de non molestand.</i> , or to stay ye exigent . . . . .	} ijs. v <i>d</i> .
[fol. 129] For a writ of restitution. . . . .	ijs. v <i>d</i> .
For recording of a release for peace certified by ye just. . . . .	} ijs.
For recording of release of good behaviour likewise certified . . . . .	} iijs.
For every writ of <i>cap.</i> , <i>al. cap.</i> , <i>plur. cap.</i> , <i>et exigent</i> , if the party do appeare and be discharged . . . .	} ix <i>d</i> .

<sup>1</sup> Inter-lined at the top of p. 128, in a contemporary hand : " See a letter of Fer. lo. Fairfax to . . . . . fx, dated 1 Dec., 1623, That he (together with M<sup>r</sup> Ascough, etc.) was a commissioner to certify ye fees claymed by the officers under ye Counsel and Presidency att York, Ecclesiasticall Courts, etc., which beinge (as he writes) sent upp in great haste by M<sup>r</sup> Ascough he tooke noe copy therof."



Fees upon travers.	{	For an admittance of any person to his travers, vjs. viijd.
		For the recognizance <i>ad prosequendum</i> , ijs.
		For entering and filing ye plea to a travers, ijs.
		For ye coppie of the travers, ijs.
		For the <i>venire facias</i> , ijs. vjd.
		For entring of judgment } according to
Alehouseskeepers	{	For a coppie of ye same } ye length.
		For every recog. and licence for an alehous- keeper, xvjd.
		<sup>1</sup> To ye clearke of the peace, vjd.
		To the justices clarks, vjd.
		To ye bailiffe for sumoning ye alehouseskeeper, ij <i>d</i> .
		To ye clarke of peace his men for writing the lycences, ij <i>d</i> .

Edw. Stanhope, T. Fairfax, Jo. Jackson, Fer. Fairfax,  
Richard Hutton, Tho. Wentworth, Ro. Kay, Ch. Ricard.

As to the last twoe pences, vizt. to ye bailyfs and clerks,  
the major vote carryed itt against ye dissentors.

This is entred in the book of Sessions w<sup>ch</sup> beginns 44 Eliz.  
(1601-2).

<sup>1</sup> " Under " written in the margin.

## WEST RIDING JUSTICES.

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